

# Sharing the Road in Virginia

## KNOWLEDGE TO LIVE BY

Bicycles are vehicles when ridden on roads and streets:

Follow rules that apply to drivers of vehicles:

- Obey all traffic signs, signals, lights, and markings
- Ride on the right side, with traffic
- When turning, use motor vehicle turn lanes
- When significantly slower than other traffic, travel in the rightmost lane or any designated bike lane or paved shoulder
- Ride no more than two side by side
- Ride single file when moving slower than traffic
- Obey signs that restrict riding on interstate highways and limited access roads
- When riding on the sidewalk or paths, call to pedestrians when approaching from behind and to pass, and give right of way to pedestrians



### *Always:*

- Use hand signals for turns and stops
- When turning or crossing, look **LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT**
- Carry children securely in special seats or trailers
- Use white head lamps visible 500 feet, rear reflectors, and a red taillight when bicycling between sunset and sunrise

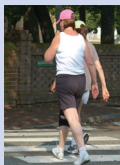
### *Don't:*

- Carry passengers on bicycles built for one rider
- Wear earphones in both ears

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## Pedestrians have rights and responsibilities:

- Always watch for motorists, other pedestrians and bicyclists, and make sure they can see you
- Be alert: don't walk and use mobile devices
- Use sidewalks if available
- Use crosswalks wherever possible
- Look **LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT** when crossing
- If walking on roads, walk facing traffic and travel on extreme edge/shoulders
- Obey Walk/Don't Walk control signals or countdown timers
- Use caution when crossing highways



## Motorists must respect bicyclist and pedestrian rights:

- Approach and pass bicyclists at a reasonable speed and with a safe gap of at least 3 feet
- Always yield to pedestrians and bicyclists who are crossing the road in a crosswalk, especially when turning
- Allow pedestrians time to cross safely
- Don't drive and use mobile devices
- Come to a full stop for a blind pedestrian with a cane or guide dog (Class 3 misdemeanor)

## If involved in a crash:

- Stop and determine injury or damage
- Report personal information to police or others involved
- Report property damaged from a crash to police within 24 hours

Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians are subject to the Code of Virginia <http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/bk-laws.asp>.



Code of Virginia § 46.2 Chapter 8

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