

Streets aren't just for cars; they're for bicyclists, too.

People over 12 can't bike on the sidewalk. You should expect to share the road with people biking and *learn to do so safely* - don't scream "get off the road!" or hurl threats at people biking. If you want to think less about how to safely share the road with people on bikes, seek out especially streets with bike lanes - bike lanes that physically separate bicyclists from cars and trucks.

Bicyclists must use bike lanes when they aren't blocked and they're not turning; this makes bicyclists more predictable. Remember: don't block bike lanes, not even for "just a minute!"



NYC DOT's bike map
<https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/bicyclists/bikemaps.shtml>

You'll notice there still are lots of areas without protected bike lanes. Advocate for a dense network of protected bike lanes to better organize the road for everyone!

Finally, remember, if you crash your car into a bicyclist, you could literally *kill* them.

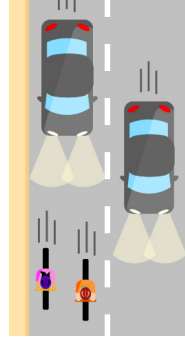
"But but but they were breaking a rule" likely won't calm your conscience after a crash, and nobody should have to pay for a mistake with their life.

Always drive safely.



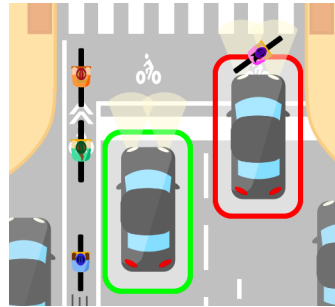
NYC DOT's summary of bike rules
<https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/bicyclerules-english.pdf>

Bicyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic. On a multi-lane street without bike lanes, people biking must ride in the right lane. On narrow, single-lane one-way streets, people can bike on either side of the street.

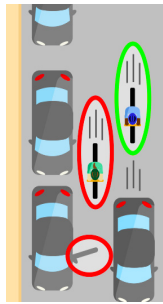


Two people can bike side by side. Remember: when bicyclists are turning, they'll need to use other parts of the street.

Bike lanes typically don't have stop lines to set them back - this improves visibility for everyone!



P. S. Don't block that box in front of the stop line - it gives turning cyclists a safe place to start from. Plus, traffic signals won't switch to green any faster if you inch forward, so wait in the right place and keep everyone safe!



Also note that bicyclists position themselves a few feet from parked cars to avoid getting hit by a car door opening suddenly.

Don't want to "get stuck" behind someone biking? Advocate for more protected bike lanes.

If you can't pass a bicyclist safely, *don't*. If you can't turn without cutting off a bicyclist, wait.

Bicyclists follow different rules at intersections.

People riding bikes must follow bike signals. If there aren't bike signals, they must follow pedestrian signals. Often, bicyclists may go when *your* light is red!



Giving bicyclists a headstart helps drivers see them.

NYC Bike Rules FOR DRIVERS

Essential knowledge for both in-state and out-of-state drivers!

<https://lizdenys.com/nycdrivers>

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