

WHERE BIKERS SHOULD RIDE



- 1 In a wide lane, bicyclists can share the lane with car drivers.
- 2 In a narrow lane, bicyclists should ride in the middle so cars don't squeeze them out of the traffic lane.
- 3 Kids usually ride bicycles on sidewalks. The law says people over 11-years-old should ride on the street.

BICYCLISTS MIGHT SUPRISE YOU

The law says that adult bicyclists must ride in the street and obey all of the same rules as car drivers. **But not all bicyclists do!** Use your driving skills to avoid crashes, even when it's not your fault.

Avoid a Side Hit

When you see a bicyclist on a cross street coming to a red light or stop sign, get ready to brake. The bicyclist might cross in front of you.



Avoid a Head-on Crash

If you see a bicyclist riding the wrong way (against traffic) slow down and pass with lots of room.



YIELD TO BICYCLISTS WHEN PULLING OVER

- 1 Before you pull over, put on your **turn signal**, then look over your shoulder to check for bicyclists. If you see any bicyclists, **yield**. Let them pass before you pull over.
- 2 When you stop temporarily, put on your **hazard lights** so bicyclists know it's safe to pass.
- 3 Before you pull out, use a turn signal. Look over your left shoulder for bicyclists in your **blind spot**.



SAFELY EXIT YOUR VEHICLE: AVOID A "DOORING"

It is not always safe to exit on the curb side. Pull over as far as possible and **always warn passengers** to:

- 1 Look for bicyclists before opening the door.
- 2 Keep the door closed until the bicyclists pass.



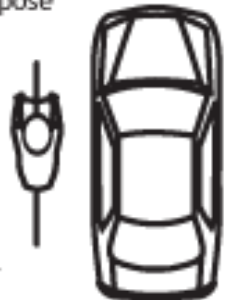
Before exiting your vehicle on the drivers side, **check over your shoulder** for bicyclists.

TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

Sharing the Road with Bicycle Riders

Why should you learn to DRIVE next to BICYCLISTS?

- Bicyclists and motorists share all the same rights and responsibilities on the road.
- The law requires bicyclists to ride in the street with cars and trucks, which pose the biggest danger to bicyclists. Crashes with motor vehicles cause more injuries than any other type of bicycle crash.
- As a driver, it is your responsibility to look out for more vulnerable users of the roads, like bicyclists and pedestrians.
- **Responsible driving helps prevent injuries and save lives.**



Why it's GOOD for Chicago to have MORE bicyclists on the roads:

Less car traffic: Bicycling is a practical way to run errands, travel to work and deliver packages without increasing car traffic and congestion.

Clean air: Chicago faces big problems with pollution. When people ride bikes instead of driving, it helps keep the air clean.

Healthy citizens: Bicycling helps people stay active and healthy.

Cycling is fun: Bicycling is good recreation for residents and tourists.

