2. Using Crosswalks

Approach the intersection staying on the right. Stop and cross as a pedestrian in the crosswalk, or make a 90-degree left turn and proceed as if you were coming from the right. If there is a signal light, wait for the green light or WALK signal before crossing. Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

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Safety Tips for Bicyclists and Motorists

Each year in California, more than 100 bicyclists are killed and over 10,000 are injured in collisions, commonly caused by bicyclists' and/or motorists' behavior, lack of skill, or attention. Although bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists and are subject to the same rules and regulations, it is crucial that bicyclists pay attention to traffic signs and signals and follow all rules to reduce the risk of collisions, while on the road. Refer to the California Driver Handbook to become familiar with these rules.

In addition, the California Vehicle Code (CVC) contains specific laws pertaining to bicycle riders. It is unlawful to operate a bicycle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Convictions may be punishable by a fine (CVC §21200.5). If you are under 21 years old, but over 13 years old, and convicted of operating a bicycle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, your driving privilege may be suspended or delayed for 1 year once you are eligible to drive (CVC §13202.5).

Four Basic Safety Tips

Here are four basic bicycling tips:

1. Maintain control.
2. Protect yourself.
3. Be visible, alert, and communicate your intentions.
4. Ride in a safe lane position with traffic.

1. Maintain Control

The following are things you can do to maintain control of your bicycle, even in an emergency:

- Ensure your bicycle is in good working order by inspecting it regularly.
- Per CVC §21201(a), it is unlawful to operate a bicycle that is not equipped with functioning brakes.

2. Protect Yourself

Properly-fitted helmets provide protection from a potentially life-threatening head injury. By law, bicycle riders under 18 years old must wear a bicycle helmet while riding on a public road (CVC §21212).

Wear your helmet per manufacturer directions.

3. Be Visible, Alert, and Communicate Your Intentions

Even if you obey all traffic laws, there is always a risk of a collision.

- Be prepared to stop for vehicles waiting at stop signs, in driveways, or parking spaces, which may suddenly pull out in front of you.
- Be prepared to take evasive action relating to vehicles that have just passed you and may turn left in front of you.
- Use hand signals before making turns or changing lanes.

4. Ride in a Safe Lane Position

Ride in the same direction as traffic so you are more visible to drivers entering roads or changing lanes in the following scenarios:

- Passing a vehicle or another bicycle in the same direction.
- Preparing to make a left turn at an intersection, into a private road, or at a driveway.
- When necessary to avoid a hazard or road condition (i.e., pedestrians, animals, surface hazards).

Using bicycle lanes

A bicycle lane is a designated traffic lane for bicyclists. However, motorists must merge into a bicycle lane when making right turns. These lanes are marked by a solid white line, which becomes a dotted line ending before it reaches the corner. Different from a simple white line showing the edge of the road, a bicycle lane follows specific width requirements and is clearly marked as a bike lane.