

## TAKE A BRAKE

Stopping at stop signs and traffic signals is required by law.

2101 - \$50

**TIP** Take advantage of the brief stop to catch your breath and say hi to fellow cyclists.

## GO WITH THE FLOW

Ride with the flow of traffic. Wrong-way riding on the road is against the law and is a leading cause of crashes.

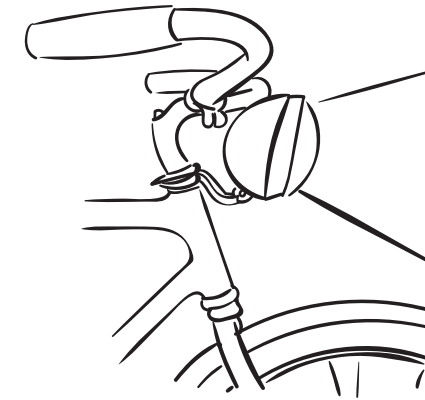
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## LEAVE SIDEWALKS TO PEDESTRIANS

Bicycling on the roadway is typically the safest option for people on bikes. If a sidewalk is the only option, use extra caution when entering streets, driveways and crosswalks especially if traveling against the flow of roadway traffic. Slow down and make eye contact with road users that might not see you. Dismount and walk through marked dismount zones.

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## RIDE BRIGHT

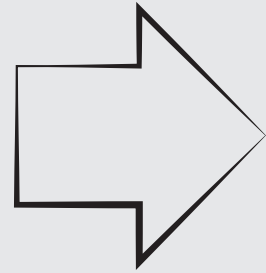
At night or when visibility is poor cyclists are required to use a front white light and rear red reflector.

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**TIP** A rear red light and bright clothing with reflective elements are recommended to increase visibility.

Tips for Safe and Lawful  
Cycling and Sharing the  
Road with Motorists

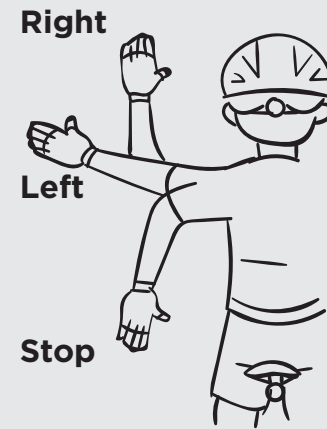
# RIDE SMART



## DO THE "RIGHT" THING

Use rightmost lane that serves your destination. This may be the left-turn lane if you are turning left.

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## SIGNAL YOUR MOVEMENTS

People riding bicycles are required by law to use hand signals to indicate when they intend to change lanes, turn or stop.

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## GIVE YOURSELF SOME SPACE

Take the full travel lane when warranted and move back over to the right as soon as it is safe to do so. Ride no more than two abreast and single up if faster moving traffic is backing up behind you.



## BE GLARE AWARE

The low-angle sun can make it difficult for motorists to see you.



## PROTECT YOUR BRAIN

Wearing a helmet properly reduces your risk of head or brain injury by over 85%. Your helmet should sit level on your head with the chin strap fastened. It should be snug, but comfortable.

## LINE UP

Avoid squeezing between parked or moving cars. If there is no bike lane approaching an intersection, or when there are turning vehicles in the bike lane, wait in line with the cars rather than squeezing through on the right.

## WALKERS GO FIRST

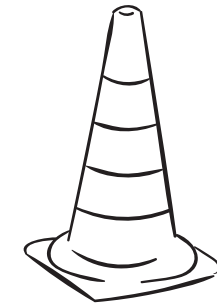
Yield to pedestrians at intersections, mid-block crossings, and on sidewalks and trails.

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## HAPPY TRAILS FOR ALL

Share the trail - slow down, indicate you are passing with a bell or your voice, and pass on the left when safe to do so.

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## RESPECT THE CONE

Obey traffic control signs in construction zones, and follow signed detours.

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## STAY CALM, AND RIDE ON

Pedal the City's low-stress bikeway network. Check out the Fort Collins Bike Map at fcgov.com/fcbikes for the best routes to get around town quickly, conveniently and safely.

## DRIVE YOUR BIKE

Your bike is a vehicle; as the driver you must follow the laws and ride predictably to help other road users know what to expect.

2101 - \$50



## THINK WHEN YOU DRINK

Cycling under the influence is against the law. Get a ride from a friend, take a cab or dial a ride. The fine for DUI on a bike is the same as for DUI in a motor vehicle.

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## WE'RE ALL PEOPLE

No matter how we choose to travel, all road users deserve equal respect.



## TRAFFIC LAW | FINE

239 - \$100 fine	2101 - \$50 fine
603 - \$100 fine	2104 - \$50 fine
903 - \$50 fine	2105 - \$50 fine
1003 - \$75 fine	2106 - \$50 fine
1108 - \$50+ fine	2107 - \$50 fine

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Visit [RideSmartDriveSmart.org](https://RideSmartDriveSmart.org) to learn about bicycling classes.



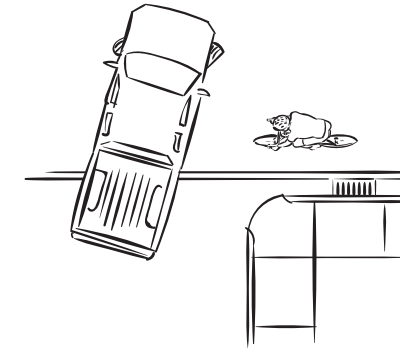


## ALL LANES ARE BIKE LANES

People on bikes have the legal right to “take the lane” to keep themselves safe when necessary to avoid hazards or when the lane is too narrow to share safely with another vehicle.

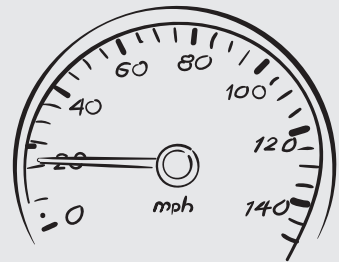
## MOVE RIGHT TO TURN RIGHT

When turning right, move as far right as is practical. When there is not a dedicated turn lane, check for people on bikes then use the bike lane like a right turn lane to prevent right-hook crashes.



## SAVE THE DAY-LOOK BOTH WAYS

The most common crash in Fort Collins occurs at intersections when motorists don't see people on bicycles who are riding against the flow of traffic. Be sure to check to the left and right for cyclists before turning or entering roadways.



## MELLOW YOUR SPEED

Driving fast narrows your field of vision and increases the chance of causing serious injury in a crash. Drive at or below the speed limit.

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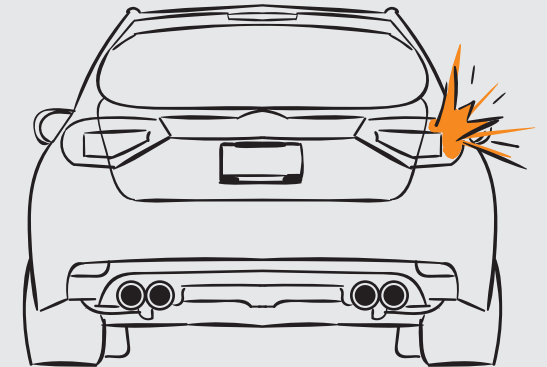
## CHILL FOR CHILDREN

The majority of crashes involving children on bikes happen because a child does something unexpected. Pay particular attention and slow down when driving in places where children can be expected such as school zones, in neighborhoods and near parks.

## BE FLASHY

Signal all turns and lane changes so other road users know what to expect.

903 - \$50



## ORANGES ARE FOR SQUEEZING

Avoid squeezing past a person on a bike. Colorado law requires motorists to give a minimum of 3' of space when passing. It is acceptable to cross a double-yellow line to pass a cyclist as long as the opposite lane is clear of oncoming traffic.

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## CUTTING IS FOR KNIVES

Avoid cutting off a person on a bike at intersections, especially when turning. Remember - cyclists may be traveling faster than you think.

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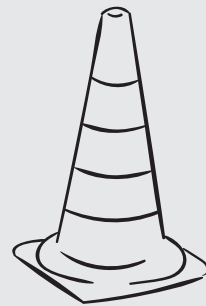
## IT CAN WAIT

Distracted driving (ex., texting, talking on the phone, eating, grooming) increases the likelihood of being involved in a traffic crash. Concentrate on driving; the rest can wait.

239 - \$100

## BE INTERSECTION AWARE

Eighty-nine percent of bicycle vs motor vehicle crashes take place at intersections or driveways. Be sure to check roadways, sidewalks, blind spots and mirrors for cyclists. Make eye contact to make sure other road users are aware of your presence and intentions.



## BE ALERT IN THE CONE ZONE

Obey traffic controls in construction zones, and watch for people on bikes that may need to “take the lane” and merge with traffic through “cone zones.”

603 - \$100



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Travel with extra caution when sun glare affects your ability to see people on bikes.

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