

**ALWAYS USE HAND SIGNALS** to tell cars and other bicyclists what you intend to do.

>> Left turn: Left hand and arm extended straight



>> Right turn: Left hand and arm extended upward



**OR**

>> Right hand and arm extended straight



>> Stopping or slowing down: Left hand and arm extended down



Both motorists  
and bicyclists  
have an  
equal right  
to the road.

EVERYBODY'S  
**ROAD**  
EVERYBODY'S  
**RULES**



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**PROTECT YOUR HEAD, WEAR A HELMET**

*Make sure it fits correctly and meets U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission standards. Look for the certification label inside the helmet.*



**STAND OUT, BE SEEN**

*Wear reflective clothing or high-visibility colors that contrast the environment you're riding in."*



**STAY ALERT, AVOID ROAD HAZARDS**

*Watch for potholes, cracks, railroad tracks, drainage grates, and obstacles in your path.*



**CHECK YOUR BIKE**

*Be sure your brakes work and tires are properly inflated.*

**RIDE NO MORE THAN TWO ABREAST WHEN RIDING ON THE ROAD**

*Bicyclists riding side by side are not impeding traffic.*

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**ALWAYS OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNALS, SIGNS, AND LANE MARKINGS**

*Use hand signals when turning, changing lanes, passing, and stopping (see back panel for more information).*

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**LIGHT IT UP AFTER DARK**

*If riding after dark, bikes must be equipped with a lamp on the front that emits a white light and a red reflector on the rear.*

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**RIDE WITH TRAFFIC**

*Bicyclists must ride with traffic, on the right hand side of the road, unless passing, turning left, the roadway is unsafe, going straight when traffic is turning right or when on a one-way street.*

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*Some photos courtesy of League of Michigan Bicyclists*

**AVOID DISTRACTIONS AND UNSAFE BEHAVIORS**

*Do not use a mobile device or wear headphones while riding and always ride sober.*

