

DRIVERS AND BICYCLISTS CAN COEXIST ON THE SAME ROAD

OPENING CAR DOOR:

Getting “doored” is a common crash between cars and bicyclists

Drivers: opening your door with your right hand will help you remember to turn and look first

Bicyclists: remain at least 3 feet from parked cars

RIGHT TURN:

A driver turns right while a bicyclist is on its right hand side and they collide

Drivers: check for bikes before turning right, wait until bicyclist has cleared intersection to turn

Bicyclists: don’t assume cars on your left see you. Look for turn signals and anticipate slowing cars may turn

REAR END:

Either a bicyclist hits the car in front of them, or a driver hits the back of a bicyclist

Drivers: maintain knowledge of your surroundings and avoid sudden stops

Bicyclists: maintain a safe distance from the car in front of you, watch for brake lights, check for cars before switching into another lane

LEFT TURN:

Often happens when cars in both directions are turning left. The driver turning left may not be able to see a bicyclist passing straight through intersection

Drivers: take caution when turning left, drive at slow speeds until clear of entire intersection

Bicyclists: don't assume cars turning left will see you, take caution when passing congested intersections

RIGHT CROSS:

When a car pulls partway out of a side street without a signal, blocking a bicyclist's right of way

Drivers: take caution when turning out of a side street. If pulling partway out, look for bicyclists first

Bicyclists: look both ways at every intersection, even those in which you have the right of way

RED LIGHTS AND STOP SIGNS:

Always stop at red lights and stop signs

Drivers & Bicyclists: follow traffic rules, stop and look both ways at all intersections, proceed with caution

ALWAYS:

Drivers: know your surroundings, drive the speed limit, use turn signals, follow all traffic laws

Bicyclists: wear reflective gear and lights when dark or rainy, wear a helmet, signal to turn

