



Biking Tips/Rules

Hand signals: When turning or stopping everyone in the bike group must use hand signals.

Parked Vehicles: Take care when riding past parked cars. Many bike accidents happen when drivers open their doors as cyclists are passing.

Intersections & Roundabouts: These areas deserve special care & attention. Always follow the same rules that cars need to follow and you'll be much safer in traffic.

Wet Roads: When it rains, oil from cars & trucks mixes with rainwater. This makes for slippery roads and sidewalks. Leave yourself extra room to stop when riding in the rain.

Potholes & Road Cracks: These are some of the biggest problems for cyclists. They're unpredictable and you usually can't see until you're close.

Sand: Beware of sand/rocks on road when turning. Avoid sliding, skidding. Take turn slowly and cautiously.

1. Pass pedestrians and other bikers with caution on their **left** by announcing "on your left" or "passing on your left" and use a bell;
2. Ride in the same direction as traffic.
3. Slow down and look for cars backing out of driveways or turning.

Maryland Bike laws: WHERE TO RIDE

- Bicyclists are required to ride as closely as practicable and safe to the right of the road in travel lanes.
- Bicyclists are required to use bike lanes paved to a smooth surface when available and may not ride on the roadway except when passing, avoiding hazards and avoiding a mandatory turn lane.
- Bicycles are generally allowed on sidewalks by local ordinances. Bicyclists on sidewalks must yield the right of way to pedestrians.