SHARE the ROAD

BIG AND SMALL

SAFETY IS FOR ALL
**TIPS FOR MOTORISTS**

**Expect bike riders.** When entering the roadway, look for oncoming bicyclists. Be cautious when opening car doors.

**Give at least 3 feet** of space when passing. It’s safer and it’s the law. If you are not sure you have enough room to pass, don’t.

**Reduce your speed.** Use special care near bicyclists, any collision with them may result in serious injury.

**Understand lane positioning from the bike rider’s perspective.** When a lane is narrow, a bike rider may ride defensively and position themselves in the center of the lane to discourage motorists from unsafe passing.

**Careful with those right and left hooks.** When turning, do not turn so close the bicyclist is in danger of colliding with your vehicle.

**Share the road.** Bicyclists may move to the left lane to turn left, pass another vehicle, or avoid debris or parked cars.

**Anticipate avoidance maneuvers by bicyclists.** Bicyclists may have to swerve to avoid an opening car door or other road hazards.

**Be aware.** Bicyclists may give right turn signals with their right arm. A bicyclist may not have the time or bike handling skills to signal.

**Be patient.** Bike riders are slower and have the same rights as other slow moving vehicles. Take a few minutes to find a safe place to pass.

**Be courteous.** Don’t let an encounter with a badly-behaved bicyclist influence your attitude towards all bicyclists.

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SHARING THE ROAD IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY. GIVE AND GET RESPECT.

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