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SHARE THE ROAD

TIPS FOR A SAFE BIKE RIDE

Ride with traffic. Go with the flow, not against it. Riding the wrong way is the leading cause of bike collisions.

Avoid riding your bike near traffic, if you don't know the rules of the road.

Obey all traffic laws. Stop at all stop signs and red lights.

Be predictable. Ride in a straight line, not swerving in and out between parked cars. Use hand signals when turning or stopping.

Stay as far to the right as is safe and reasonable, except when passing, turning left, or to avoid road hazards.

Don't block the road. Allow faster traffic to pass when it's safe. Riding side by side with other bicyclists is legal, but be courteous, ride in a single line when cars are trying to pass.

Increase your visibility. Wear bright and reflective materials. Use lights and reflectors at night.

Watch for parked cars. Drivers may not see you and pull out suddenly or open a car door in your path.

Value your life: Wear a helmet! It's the law for everyone under 18.

Make eye contact. Make sure the motorist sees you. Acknowledge others with a nod or a smile.

RIDE WITH RESPECT
AND COURTESY TO OTHERS.
YOUR ACTIONS REFLECT ON
THE ENTIRE BIKING COMMUNITY.

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