

## Bike Smart! Drive Smart!

# SAFETY TIPS

### FOR BICYCLISTS

- + Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists.
- + Wearing a bicycle helmet is strongly recommended.
- + Ride a bicycle on the right side of the road in the same direction as other traffic.
- + Use hand signals to communicate your actions to motor vehicles.
- + Yield to pedestrians in crosswalk.
- + At night, a bicycle must have a white light visible from the front and a red reflector or light visible from behind; wear retro-reflective clothing when possible.

### FOR MOTORISTS

- + Share the road with bicyclists.
- + Remember: Bicyclists have the same rights, rules and responsibilities as all other road users.
- + Pass a bicyclist only when it is safe giving ample room (3' minimum) and when there is no danger from oncoming traffic.
- + Look for bicyclists. You must develop your eye-scanning patterns to include cyclists.
- + Before opening the door of your parked car, checking behind for cyclists.
- + Do not drive in or double-park in bike lanes.



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# SHARE THE ROAD

The Indy BikeWays plan will create more than **200 miles** of bike lanes across the city over the next **15 years**.



# SAFETY TERMS & SIGNALS

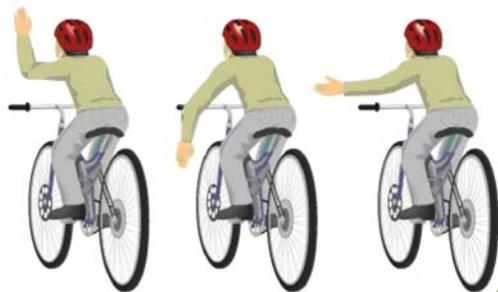
Do You Know Them?

## “GREEN LANE”

Named for the green paint used to mark the pavement, the “green lane” identifies areas where bicycles and cars are likely to come into conflict.

- + Motorists should cross bike lanes only where the pavement markings are dashed.
- + Bicyclists should use extra caution when travelling both along or across green lanes.

## BICYCLING HAND SIGNALS



RIGHT TURN

STOPPING

LEFT TURN

## “DOORING”

Dooring refers to one danger that bicyclists face when travelling alongside parked vehicles – the unexpected opening of a car door in their path. The result of a bicyclist colliding with an open car door can be severe!

- + Motorists must always look behind them before opening their car doors from an on-street parking position.
- + Bicyclists must be on the alert for drivers entering or exiting parked vehicles.

# Stay on the *right* side of the law ORDINANCES & RULES

## BICYCLES SHALL...

obey traffic signals and signs, and all “rules of the road”.

limit riding to one person per bicycle built for one.

ride with traffic, not against it.

## VEHICLES SHALL...

enter a bicycle lane only for making a turn or entering or leaving an alley, private road, or driveway.

yield the right-of-way to bicycles on a designated bicycle path or lane.

not impede bicycle traffic on bicycle paths or lanes.

pass a bicycle only at a safe distance of not less than three (3) feet.

According to Indiana Vehicle Code Section 9-21-11-2,

**“A PERSON RIDING A BICYCLE UPON A ROADWAY HAS ALL THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES ... THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO A PERSON WHO DRIVES A VEHICLE.”**

# GREAT RESOURCES

**Bicycle Indiana**  
[www.bicycleindiana.org](http://www.bicycleindiana.org)

**Central Indiana Cycling Association**  
[www.cibaride.org](http://www.cibaride.org)

**Central Indiana Commuter Services**  
[www.327ride.net](http://www.327ride.net)

**Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority**  
[www.cirta.us](http://www.cirta.us)

**Health by Design**  
[www.healthbydesignonline.org](http://www.healthbydesignonline.org)

**Indiana BikePort**  
[inbikeport.org](http://inbikeport.org)

**Indianapolis Cultural Trail**  
[www.indyculturaltrail.org](http://www.indyculturaltrail.org)

**Indianapolis Parks Foundation**  
[www.indyparksfoundation.org](http://www.indyparksfoundation.org)

**Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo)**  
[indygo.net](http://indygo.net)

**Indy Cog**  
[www.theindycog.com](http://www.theindycog.com)

**League of American Bicyclists**  
[www.bikeleague.org](http://www.bikeleague.org)

**Marion County Health Department**  
[mchd.com](http://mchd.com)

**Pedal & Park**  
[www.pedalandpark.org](http://www.pedalandpark.org)

**YMCA Indy Bike Hub**  
[www.indybikehub.org](http://www.indybikehub.org)

