

Bicycling on Colorado's Roads

Bicyclists have all the rights and duties applicable to the drivers of any other vehicle and can be penalized for violating traffic laws.

- Ride on the right, never ride against traffic
- Ride in the right lane, except when passing another vehicle, preparing for a left turn or avoiding hazards
- Ride on paved shoulders and bike lanes when present and free of hazards
- Ride no more than two abreast, returning to single-file if riding two abreast would impede the flow of traffic
- On curving canyon roads without bike lanes or shoulders, play it safe and ride single file
- Obey traffic laws, signs, and signals
- Use hand signals to indicate left or right turns, slowing or stopping
- A headlight, side reflectors, and rear taillight or reflector are mandatory when riding at night. Though not legally required, the use of flashing LED front and rear lights when riding during the day can be an effective way to increase your visibility to other road users.
- Make eye contact with drivers
- Never assume motorists see you or that you have the right-of-way
- We recommend wearing a helmet, gloves and glasses as passive safety equipment. The law in Colorado does not require the use of a helmet, but helmet use has been shown to prevent or mitigate head injuries.
- Expect the unexpected; your first responsibility is to be safe