



# CYCLISTS AND DRIVERS:

Please...

**Share the Road!**

**It's More Than a Good Idea...  
It's the Law!**

**READ MORE:**

- **Bike Safety Checklist**
- **Safety Hand Signals for Bicyclists**
- **Learn the New Pennsylvania Law for Drivers & Cyclists**
- **Insurance Advice for Bicyclists**

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# ATTENTION CYCLISTS: MAKE SURE TO USE HAND SIGNALS!

Since bikes don't have turn signals like cars, trucks, and motorcycles, riders need to have a way to let other people on the road know when they want to turn.

Use these official hand signals when riding a bike:

**RIGHT TURN**



**LEFT TURN**





## QUICK SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR BICYCLISTS

- Do you have your helmet?
- Have you checked your bike's brakes, lights, and tire pressure?
- Do your bike and helmet have reflective strips on them?
- Are you wearing close-toed shoes?
- Are you wearing clothing that won't get caught in the bike?
- If you're riding at night, are you wearing fluorescent colors?
- Are you riding in a straight line on the right side of the road?
- Are you making sure to ride in the same direction as traffic flow?
- Are you riding near the curb and allowing several feet between you and parked cars?
- Do you have identification with you in case you're injured and unable to respond after a fall or other accident?

## RECAP: PENNSYLVANIA'S BICYCLE SAFETY LAW

### Here's the new bicycle safety law, effective as of April 2012:

- Drivers must allow at least four feet between their vehicle and a bicyclist when passing them, and they must reduce their speed while doing so.



- Drivers are allowed to cross the center double yellow line if necessary to provide the required four feet, as long as it's safe to do so.
- When traveling below the posted speed limit for vehicles, cyclists must keep to the right side of the road, unless making a left-hand turn or when riding on a one-way street.
- If a road has only one travel lane, bicyclists may use any portion of the lane to avoid road hazards.
- Drivers attempting to turn left must yield the right of way to bicyclists traveling in the opposite direction, just as they would for another motorist. Drivers can't interfere with a bicyclist proceeding straight on a roadway when making a turn.
- Drivers can't force a bicyclist off the road. Violators may face criminal charges.

## BICYCLISTS: PROTECT YOURSELF WITH INSURANCE

As a bicyclist, you're very vulnerable on the road, and you can easily sustain serious injuries that could change your life forever.

It's important to have insurance to protect yourself if you're ever injured in a bicycle accident. First and foremost, remember to seek medical attention and file a police report. You will need both to protect your legal rights.

### If you have auto insurance...

Your Pennsylvania auto insurance policy will cover your own medical bills. This is called "first party medical benefits." To help you choose the best possible coverage to protect yourself, you can download the free e-book, *For Pennsylvania Drivers: How to Choose Auto Insurance*, at [edgarsnyder.com/ebook](http://edgarsnyder.com/ebook).

### If you don't have auto insurance...

You may be covered if you live with a relative who owns a car and has car insurance.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Head injuries account for **62%** of bicycle-related deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Research has shown that wearing a properly fitted helmet can help reduce the risk of a head injury by up to **85%**, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



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