

clothing, a white cloth tied around your arm, or some reflective material.

You have the right-of-way at crosswalks and intersections whether the crosswalks are marked or not. However, you should always watch for vehicles. If there is an accident you are the one who will suffer.

- Never walk across a freeway or expressway.
- Do not leave the curb or sidewalk so suddenly that an approaching vehicle cannot yield.



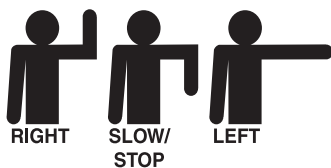
- Look for Walk and Don't Walk signals at intersections.  
Steady Don't Walk - Do not cross.  
Steady Walk - You may cross.  
Flashing Walk - You may not start across the street.  
Those pedestrians that started across during a steady walk signal shall complete their crossing to a sidewalk or island.

## 16. BICYCLES

Bicycles are a legitimate form of transportation and recreation. Bicycles are considered *"vehicles"* under state law and bicyclists generally have all the rights and responsibilities applicable to the driver of any other vehicle. While bicycles are legitimately on the road, cyclists should realize that the typical motorist is not accustomed to sharing the road with them.

The Colorado Transportation Commission and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may restrict bicyclists from a particular roadway and direct them to an alternate route.

Every person riding a bicycle shall signal the intention to turn or stop as follows. A signal of intention to turn right or left when required shall be given continuously during not less than the last one hundred feet traveled by the bicycle before turning and shall be given while the bicycle is stopped waiting to turn. A signal by hand and arm need not be given continuously if the hand is needed in the control or operation of the bicycle.



Bicyclists who violate traffic laws may be subject to the same penalties as drivers of motor vehicles, except that

points are not assessed against the cyclist's driver license. (C.R.S. 42-4-1412)

*"No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed or equipped."*

*"No person riding a bicycle shall attach himself/herself to any moving vehicle upon the roadway."*

*"A person operating a bicycle shall keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times."*

*"Any person riding a bicycle shall ride in the right-hand lane. When being overtaken by another vehicle, ride as close to the right-hand side as practicable. Where a paved shoulder suitable for bicycle riding is present, ride on the paved shoulder. These requirements shall apply, except under any of the following situations:*

- *When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction.*
- *When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.*
- *When reasonably necessary to avoid hazardous conditions, including but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, pedestrians, animals or surface hazards."*

*"Persons operating bicycles on roadways shall ride single file; except that riding no more than two abreast is permitted in the following circumstances:*

- *When there is no motor vehicle traffic 300 feet to the front or rear of the bicyclists.*
- *When riding on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles."*

Persons may park bicycles on a sidewalk unless prohibited or restricted by an official traffic control device or local ordinance. The bicycle shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of pedestrian or other traffic.

Every bicycle in use during the hours between sunset and sunrise, and at any time when there is insufficient light, shall be equipped with a lamp on the front of the bicycle emitting a white light visible for a distance of at least 500 feet to the front.

Every bicycle must be equipped with a rear red reflector and reflectors on both sides that can be seen from 600 feet in a car's headlights.

Leading causes of accidents in the state of Colorado between motorists and bicyclists include:

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| <b>BICYCLISTS:</b>                  | <b>DRIVER:</b>                       |
| - Riding against traffic.           | - Drinking and driving.              |
| - Ignoring traffic control devices. | - Failing to yield to the bicyclist. |
| - Riding without lights.            |                                      |

**BICYCLES ON SIDEWALKS:** Do not ride on a sidewalk or across a crosswalk where bicycles are prohibited by official traffic control devices or local ordinances.

A person riding or walking a bicycle on a sidewalk where permitted or crosswalk shall have all the rights and responsibilities applicable to a pedestrian.

A person riding a bicycle on a sidewalk or across a crosswalk shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

Persons may park bicycles on the road at any angle to the curb or edge of the road at any location where parking is allowed.