



BICYCLE RULES OF THE ROAD



Pedestrians Have the Right of Way. In the crosswalk or not, bike riders and drivers are required to yield to pedestrians. (CVC 21954 (B))



Stop Behind the Crosswalk. Leave crosswalks free and clear for pedestrians. Always stop behind the line. (CVC 21950, 21455)



Mind the Signs and Lights. Stop at stop signs and obey red lights, just like all other vehicles. (CVC 21200)



Stay on the Streets. It is illegal to ride on the sidewalk if you are over the age of 13. (SF TRANSPORTATION CODE SEC. 7.2.12)



Go with the Flow. Ride the same direction as traffic. Walk your bike on the sidewalk if traveling the other direction on a one-way street. (CVC 21650)



Take the Lane. If you're next to parked cars or you're riding in a narrow lane, you can take the lane and ride outside the door zone. (CVC 21202)



It's OK to Leave the Bike Lane. If you feel safer outside the bike lane, you can ride in other vehicle travel lanes. Merge when safe and signal when changing lanes. (CVC 21208)



Light up the Night! Reflectors and a front white light are required by law. We recommend you to use a rear light as well. (CVC 21201)



Keep an Ear Clear. Even when using hands-free devices, bike riders and drivers are required to keep one ear free of headphones. (CVC 27400)



Be a Friend to Disabled Neighbors. Paratransit vehicles (including taxis) may have to enter bikeways to pick-up or drop off passengers. Be a good neighbor and give them room. (SFMTA POLICY)



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