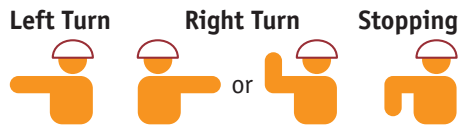


Bike Safety

Use proper hand signals when turning, changing lanes, or merging into a lane. Make eye contact with other drivers, if possible, when turning.



A Turning Left: There are two ways to turn left: 1) Like a car: look back, signal, move into the left turn lane or out into your lane and then turn left, yielding to through traffic. 2) Like a pedestrian: ride straight to the far-side crosswalk, dismount and walk your bike across the street.

B Turning Right: Look back, signal, move into the right turn lane or into your lane and then turn right. Watch for cars turning right.

C Riding Straight Through: With a right turn lane: look back, signal, and move into the through lane. Without a right turn lane: watch for cars turning right and move into the through lane.

D Sidewalks and Trails: Bicycling on the sidewalk is not permitted in Starkville. Make sure you check local ordinances to learn where it is acceptable to ride a bicycle on a sidewalk before you head out. While cycling on trails, yield to pedestrians and give them warning before passing them. Always come to a complete stop before crossing as a pedestrian, giving the right-of-way to vehicular traffic.

Starkville in Motion

SIM's goals include: To connect all the parts of the city and campus together with an interconnected network of sidewalks and bike lanes/roads safe for biking. To promote recreation, community building, commerce, commuting, physical fitness and

eco-friendly options for transportation by promoting infrastructure and education/awareness.

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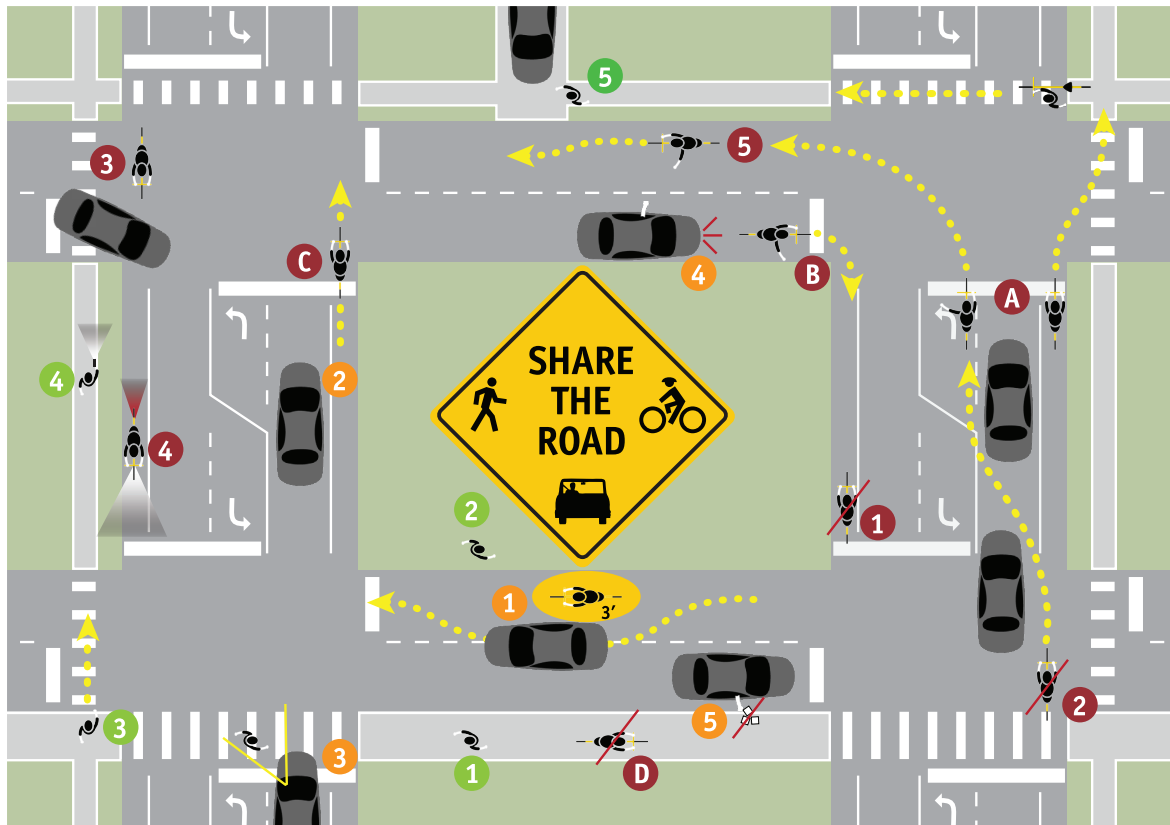
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Bike Right

1 Ride with Traffic: It is more difficult for a motorist to see a bicyclist riding against traffic than with traffic. Riding with traffic will also give the bicyclist and motorist more time to react.

2 Follow the Rules of the Road: Bicyclists must obey all traffic laws, just like motorists. Use hand signals to indicate stops and turns. Follow all signs and traffic control devices.

The City of Starkville helmet ordinance requires bicyclists wear a helmet for their own safety. Failure to do so may result in a citation and possibly a fine. The helmet should be flat on the head, not tilted back at an angle, and secured with the straps.

3 Be Alert: It is your responsibility to pay attention to your surroundings. It is important to pay particular attention at intersections. Using cellphones and wearing headphones while riding can be a distraction.

4 Stay Visible and Ride Safe: If drivers can see you, the risk of a crash can be reduced. Announce yourself by making eye contact with motorists.

At night and in low-light conditions, use a front and rear light. Always wear light-colored or reflective clothing when riding. Don't weave in and out of traffic or parked cars. Ride in a straight line.

allow bicycles and other pedestrians to pass.

2 Walk Facing Traffic: If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic and along the outside edge of the road. A driver and a pedestrian who face each other are generally more aware of each other and crash risk is reduced.

3 Use Crosswalks: Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections, if possible. Pedestrians have the right-of-way in crosswalks; however, always look both ways before crossing. If there are not any crosswalks, signs, or signals, the pedestrian must yield the right-of-way to all vehicles.

5 Share the Lane: Slower traffic must stay to the right side of the road, but does not need to be on the shoulder. Be sure to allow yourself space to maneuver away from traffic. There are times when a cyclist needs to "take the lane." First look back to make sure you are clear, signal, and move into the center of the lane.

Walk Left

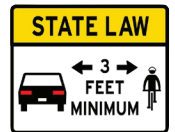
1 Walk on the Sidewalk: Where provided, use sidewalks. When on a trail, walk on the right side to

4 Be Visible: Wear light-colored clothing and reflective materials to make yourself more visible. Carry a flashlight when walking at night.

5 Pay Attention: Take extra caution at intersections and driveways. Drivers may not see you approaching.

Drive Wise

1 Pass With Care: Slow down and give bicycles at least three feet of clearance when passing. If there isn't room, be patient and wait until it's safe to pass. Check over your shoulder before moving back over.



2 Drive Cautiously: Give bicyclists adequate space and allow them to safely maneuver in the roadway. Bicycles are considered vehicles. Don't tailgate.

3 Expect the Unexpected: Scan for bicyclists in traffic and at intersections. Look for bicyclists when opening doors. Children on bicycles are unpredictable.

4 Respect all Users: Respect bicyclists and their rights to the road. Honking your horn or yelling at a bicyclist could startle them and cause an accident. Yield to them turning at intersections and do not cut them off.

5 Keep it Clean: Litter, glass and other trash creates hazards for bicyclists and pedestrians. Keep our streets and sidewalks clean.