

SELECT LIST OF MN BICYCLING RULES OF THE ROAD

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The best way to ensure your ride is safe and fun is to follow the law and a few best practices. Below is a select list of bicycling laws in MN and best practices (designated as “Bp”) for riding in the Twin Cities area. Bikes, like cars, are vehicles and people riding bikes must follow the same traffic laws as people driving other vehicles.

Same road, same rules: Bikers must follow all traffic laws.

Go with the flow: Bikes must travel in the same direction as traffic.

Bp - Stay to the right: Ride as far to the right as is safe and comfortable except when passing, turning, avoiding hazards, riding in a bike lane, or riding on the shoulder of a roadway.

Obey stop signs and lights: Bikers must stop at stop signs and obey traffic lights.

If you believe you are at an intersection that uses a sensor to detect traffic, wait for a green light. After waiting an unreasonable amount of time, a person riding a bike may proceed through the light after yielding to all cross traffic.

Use lights: A front light and rear light or rear reflector are required at night.

Bp - It is recommended to use lights in daylight hours as a safety precaution.

Yield to pedestrians: People walking and using mobility devices have the right of way; yield to them in crosswalks, on sidewalks and in shared areas.

Bp - Sidewalk riding: Sidewalk riding is not allowed in business districts or where prohibited by local ordinances. Riding on sidewalks can be dangerous. When it becomes necessary to ride on a sidewalk, yield to people walking and using mobility devices. A better option would be to walk your bike.

Signal your turns: Signal lane changes and turns and with your arm unless you need both arms to control your bike.

Bp – If you can't use an arm or hand signal, verbally call out your intention or warning.

Bp - Warn before passing: Give an audible signal (ring a bell or say “passing on your left” before passing bikers or walkers.

Bp - Respect other trail users: Be mindful of other users when biking on off-street trails or paths. Always yield to people walking and using mobility devices, and give audible signal before passing other trail users. Adjust your speed to trail traffic conditions.

Bp - Stop behind the crosswalk - Not in the crosswalk.