

See & be seen – position yourself where drivers can see you and where you can see what’s happening around you. Avoid riding in vehicle blind spots, wear bright or reflective clothing, and use lights at night.

If you ride at night, your bicycle must be equipped with a front white headlight visible to other drivers, and have a rear red light and a red rear reflector. Bicycles must be equipped with a bell or horn to warn pedestrians.

Ride defensively – think and look well ahead. Ride a door’s width from parked cars to avoid being hit by a suddenly opening door. Be assertive, but not aggressive.

*Ride straight, one metre from parked cars.
Don’t get “doored!”*



CYCLISTS BELONG ON THE ROAD!

Riding on sidewalks is dangerous, as well as illegal – walk your bike on sidewalks and in crosswalks. Breaking this rule could result in serious injury to a pedestrian, and put you at much greater risk of being in a collision with a vehicle at driveways, alleys and intersections.

Bicycle Lane: when you see this sign it indicates that a portion of the roadway has been designated for bicycle use only. Motorists are not allowed to enter this portion of the roadway.



For more information on Cycling in Yorkton, contact:
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Information for Drivers & Cyclists

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Drivers

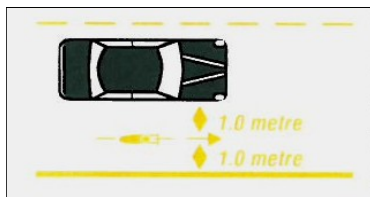


These days, more and more people are riding bikes. Cyclists ride for recreation, and for getting to and from work or school. As a driver, you should expect to see cyclists any time of day or night.

Cyclists have the same rights and duties as other drivers. They belong on the road and are required to use traffic lanes. Yield to cyclists the same as you would to any other driver when:

- turning left
- changing lanes
- turning right
- passing

Cyclists may ride on any part of the roadway and may occupy any part of a traffic lane when their safety warrants it. If the lane is narrow, or if there is glass or a pothole, cyclists have the right to ride toward the middle for safety.



Intersection Safety

Most crashes occur at intersections.

Watch for cyclists when pulling out from stop signs or driveways, and be especially careful near children on bicycles. Before turning left, yield to cyclists coming toward you, often they are travelling faster than they appear. When turning right, slow and merge behind cyclists ahead of you, and make your turn from the right edge of the road.

When parking, look for cyclists before opening your car door or pulling out of a parking space. City traffic can be frustrating. You can't control other drivers, but you can control your own emotions – don't take anger out on others. Threatening other road users with your voice, gestures or vehicle is not just impolite – it's illegal. Cyclists have the same right to the road as you do.

Cyclists



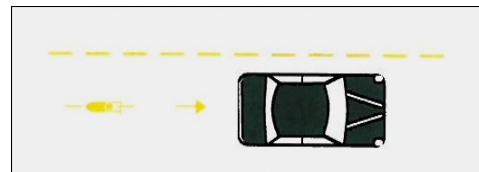
Cycling is a healthy and efficient way to get around the city, is good for the environment, and every bike on the road helps reduce traffic and parking congestion. Cyclists need to remember to follow basic principles in order to bike safely on city streets.

As a cyclist, you have the same rights and duties as other drivers. It is your responsibility to cycle in a safe manner and to follow the rules of the road. Ride straight – don't weave around parked cars or into crosswalks at intersections. Use hand signals and look for clues from other drivers – “eye contact”. Shoulder-check before signaling and before changing direction.



Be Maneuverable – allow room to get around hazards or to move aside if you are passed too closely. Always try to keep at least one metre of space open on both your right and your left.

Cyclists are legally allowed to ride on any part of the roadway. If the lane is too narrow to share with motorized traffic, ride in the center of the lane.



Change lanes or move toward the center of the roadway before turning left. Always pass a right-turning vehicle on the left.

