

CYCLIST RIGHTS TO THE ROAD

- 1 Bicyclists have all the *same* rights and responsibilities as a driver of a vehicle.
 - 2 Bicyclists must ride “as far to the right as safely *practicable*”—riding far enough *left* to avoid the door-zone and motorists from sharing narrow lanes.
 - 3 Bicyclists may ride two abreast on highways, but may not impede the flow of traffic and must move to single file when traffic approaches from the rear.
 - 4 Bicyclists must signal when turning left, right, or stopping; and may signal a right turn with the right arm.
 - 5 Bicyclists may proceed through red lights if the traffic light completes two cycles or two minutes pass, whichever is shorter.
 - 6 Motorists must pass bicyclists with at least 3 feet of space, and at a reasonable speed. Motorists may cross double yellow traffic lines to pass bicyclists when safe to do so. Texting while driving is illegal.
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Remember: Headlight and taillight required for night riding; taillight required on road 35 mph or greater. Helmets are always a good idea.

For more information, see Virginia State Code <http://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode>





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