

Biking can be a convenient, affordable and fun way to get around. Here are important rules of the road from California Vehicle Code (CVC) on riding bikes.

Bike Safety Vehicle Code Sheet



Metro

Rights and Responsibilities (CVC 21200)

You have the same rights and responsibilities as vehicle drivers. Obey stop signs and red lights as you would when driving a car.

Riding with Traffic and Keep Right (CVC 21650)

Always ride in the direction of traffic and on the right side of the road. You may ride on the left side of the road if you are on a one-way street or the right side is closed due to construction.

Riding in Bike Lane (CVC 21208)

If there is a bike lane available and you are riding slower than car traffic, you must ride in the bike lane.

Riding in Travel Lane (CVC 21202)

If you are riding at the speed of traffic, you can ride in regular travel lanes. If there is no bike lane and you are riding slower than car traffic, you must ride as close as possible to the right side of the road.

Taking the Lane (CVC 21202 & 21208)

You can leave a bike lane or the far-right side of the road and move into travel lanes (aka take the lane) when passing others, preparing for a left turn or avoiding hazardous conditions.

Helmets (CVC 21211)

Bike helmets are required for people under 18 and are optional for adults.

Sidewalks (CVC 21206)

Sidewalk riding is not always allowed. Check your city/county ordinance before riding on sidewalks.

Headphones (CVC 27400)

It is illegal to wear headphones on both ears while you ride, except hearing aids.

Three Feet for Safety Act (CVC 21760)

Drivers must maintain a minimum three-foot buffer when passing people on bikes.

To learn more about how to ride safely, check out the free biking classes and events at metro.net/gobike.

Bike Collision Report

Driver Information

NAME

ADDRESS

EMAIL

LICENSE

INSURANCE

License Plate

STATE

PLATE NUMBER

Collision Information

STREET

CITY

DATE

TIME

DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENT

Witness Information

NAME

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

NAME

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL