

SHARROWS
or shared lane
markings
encourage safe
passing of bicyclists
by motorists and
reduce the incidence
of wrong-way
bicycling.



NATIONAL HWY SAFETY

ADMINISTRATION'S FINAL

TIPS FOR BICYCLE SAFETY:

- ◆ *Wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet; see and be seen*
- ◆ *Check your equipment and bike for fit; avoid riding at night*
- ◆ *Control your bicycle and avoid hazards; go with the traffic flow*
- ◆ *Yield to traffic when appropriate; be predictable and stay alert at all times; look before turning; watch out for parked cars; obey all laws*



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California's Applicable Bicycle Laws



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What are the equipment requirements?

Helmet - CVC 21212(a): A person under 18 years of age cannot operate a bicycle or ride as a passenger without a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet that meets the (ANSI) or SNELL Standards.

Handlebar - CVC 21201(b): Must be set so that the rider's hands are no higher than their shoulders when holding the regular steering grip area.

Bicycle Size - CVC 21201 (c): Must not be so big that operator can't safely stop bicycle upright with at least one foot on ground.

Brakes - CVC 21201(a): Must be able to make one wheel skid on clean, level, dry pavement.

Night Riding - CVC 21201(d): Bicycle must be equipped with the following:

Light:

A white headlamp, attached to the bicycle or your body, visible from 300 feet to the front and from the sides.

Reflectors:

- Red rear reflector
- White or yellow reflectors on front and back of each pedal
- White or yellow reflectors on each side forward of center, and red or white reflectors on each side rear of center – usually mounted on wheel spokes. *If you have reflectorized tires in front and rear, you do not need side reflectors

CA Vehicle Code 21200(a)

A person riding a bicycle upon a highway has all the rights and is subject to all the provisions applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this division, including, but not limited to, provisions concerning driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs.
DUI-Bicycle (CVC 21200.5)

Bicyclists must travel in the same direction as cars per CVC 21650 .1.
Always ride with traffic.

CVC 22107 requires cyclists to *yield and signal before moving left or right.*

When moving slower than the normal traffic speed, *stay near the right edge of the road* per CVC 21202(a), *except:*

- ◇ when passing another bicycle or vehicle
- ◇ when getting ready to turn left
- ◇ when passing a parked car or to avoid other objects
- ◇ when on a one-way road, two lanes or wider; bicyclists may then ride near either the left or right side

***Never hitch rides* by hanging onto or attaching your bicycle to a moving vehicle per CVC 21203.**

Bicyclists must *ride on a permanently attached seat* per CVC 21204(a).

No passengers or “pumping” unless there is a *separate passenger seat* per CVC 21204(b) VC. A passenger must ride on a separate seat - no riders on handlebars. A child passenger 4 years or younger, or weighing 40 pounds or less, must ride on a seat which holds the child in place and protects the youngster from moving parts. The child must also wear an approved helmet.

Keep at least one hand on the handlebars. No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the operator from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars per CVC 21205.

Riders must use the bike lane if moving slower than normal traffic speed* per CVC 21208(a), *except:

- ◇ when necessary to pass another bicycle, vehicle or pedestrian
- ◇ when getting ready to turn left
- ◇ when necessary to avoid parked cars or other objects

***Never block a sidewalk* with your bicycle per CVC 21210.**

***Headphones covering both ears MAY NOT be worn* per CVC 27400.**

“The keys to being safe on a bike are almost entirely in the rider's hands. About half of all cyclist accidents are single rider crashes. If you can skillfully control your bike by starting, stopping, and smoothly turning, you can better avoid falling.”

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