

# CYCLIST RIGHTS TO THE ROAD

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- 1 Bicyclists have all the 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 Motorists must pass bicyclists with at least 2 feet of space, and at a reasonable speed.
  - 6 Bicyclists may proceed through red lights if the traffic light completes two cycles or two minutes pass, whichever is shorter.
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*Remember:* Headlight and taillight required for night riding, taillight required if on road 35 mph or greater. Helmets are always a good idea.

For more information, see Virginia State Code

<http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm>

or VDOT

<http://www.vdot.virginia.gov/programs/bk-laws.asp>



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