



Bicycling in Colorado

Every person's transportation choice counts! We all need to be conscious of and courteous to other individuals when sharing our roadways. Remember, streets and trails are for everyone and sharing is more than good manners!

A bicyclist in Colorado has all the rights and responsibilities applicable to the driver of any other vehicle. That means bicyclists must obey the rules of the road like other drivers, and are to be treated as equal users of the road. Bicyclists, like vehicle drivers, can be ticketed or penalized for not obeying the laws.

SAFETY TIPS FOR BIKING IN COLORADO:

- Wear a helmet, glasses and bicycling gloves
- Dress appropriately for the type of riding you are planning and when possible wear bright clothing
- Obey traffic signs and traffic signals
- Ride with traffic, never against it
- Ride as far to the right, in the right lane, as practicable except when passing another vehicle, preparing for a left turn, or avoiding hazards
- Ride on paved shoulders and bike lanes when available and be on the look out for road hazards or debris – gravel, broken glass, sewer grates
- Don't pass on the right
- Ride no more than two abreast, returning to single-file if riding two abreast impedes the flow of traffic
- On narrow canyon roads without bike lanes or shoulders, play it safe and ride single file
- Use hand signals to indicate what you intend to do: left or right turns, slowing or stopping
- Riding early in the morning or at night? Use a headlight, a taillight and reflectors – be visible
- Make eye contact with drivers, never assume motorists see you or that you have the right-of-way
- Never catch a ride by attaching your bicycle to other vehicles
- Keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times
- Always expect the unexpected when you ride; your first responsibility is to be safe