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## BICYCLIST AND PEDESTRIAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN MINNESOTA

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## **Quick Bicyclist Facts**

- » Bicyclists have the same general rights and duties as motorists and must obey all traffic control signals and signs.
- » Bicyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic and are encouraged to ride as close as possible to the righthand edge of the roadway.
- » Generally, bicyclists are prohibited from riding on sidewalks in business districts and other marked areas.
- » Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians and give an audible signal when approaching or passing a pedestrian.
- » Bicyclists must use arm signals 100 feet before making a lane change or turn. A left turn is represented by the left hand and arm extended horizontally. A right turn is represented by the left hand and arm extended upward or the right hand and arm extended horizontally. Bicyclists are required to use proper safety equipment, including reflective gear and brakes.

## **Quick Pedestrian Facts**

- » Pedestrians must follow traffic control signals at all intersections. Pedestrians have the right-of-way at all marked crosswalks and all intersections with unmarked crosswalks.
  - Pedestrians who cross a roadway at any other location must yield to traffic in the roadway.
  - Pedestrians who cross between adjacent intersections with working signals must use the crosswalk. Pedestrians must use sidewalks, where available, rather than a roadway.
- » Pedestrians should be on left hand side of the road when there are no accessible or usable sidewalks.





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