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Bicycles are vehicles when ridden on roads and streets:

Follow rules that apply to drivers of vehicles:

• Obey all traffic signs, signals, lights, and markings
• Ride on the right side, with traffic
• When turning, use motor vehicle turn lanes
• When significantly slower than other traffic, travel in the rightmost lane or any designated bike lane or paved shoulder
• Ride no more than two side by side
• Ride single file when moving slower than traffic
• Obey signs that restrict riding on interstate highways and limited access roads
• When riding on the sidewalk or paths, call to pedestrians when approaching from behind and to pass, and give right of way to pedestrians

Always:

• Use hand signals for turns and stops
• When turning or crossing, look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT
• Carry children securely in special seats or trailers
• Use white head lamps visible 500 feet, rear reflectors, and a red taillight when bicycling between sunset and sunrise

Don’t:

• Carry passengers on bicycles built for one rider
• Wear earphones in both ears

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Pedestrians have rights and responsibilities:

• Always watch for motorists, other pedestrians and bicyclists, and make sure they can see you
• Be alert: don’t walk and use mobile devices
• Use sidewalks if available
• Use crosswalks wherever possible
• Look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT when crossing
• If walking on roads, walk facing traffic and travel on extreme edge/shoulders
• Obey Walk/Don’t Walk control signals or countdown timers
• Use caution when crossing highways

Motorists must respect bicyclist and pedestrian rights:

• Approach and pass bicyclists at a reasonable speed and with a safe gap of at least 3 feet
• Always yield to pedestrians and bicyclists who are crossing the road in a crosswalk, especially when turning
• Allow pedestrians time to cross safely
• Don’t drive and use mobile devices
• Come to a full stop for a blind pedestrian with a cane or guide dog (Class 3 misdemeanor)

If involved in a crash:

• Stop and determine injury or damage
• Report personal information to police or others involved
• Report property damaged from a crash to police within 24 hours

Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians are subject to the Code of Virginia http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/bk-laws.asp.

Code of Virginia § 46.2 Chapter 8

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