

Safety Check ✓

From the Safety Chick

Here are a few safety reminders for cyclists and motorists, courtesy of the Missouri Bike Federation.

Bob's Rules

For cyclists:

1. Obey the law. Blowing by a stop sign is dangerous and generates a feeling of "it's not fair" to motorists.
2. People in cars have someplace to go. Don't hold them up unnecessarily.
3. Take a traffic lane when you have to. It's safer than being squeezed to the side of a narrow lane or dodging fireplugs, utility poles or cars coming out of driveways onto the sidewalk.
4. Nighttime is six times more dangerous than daytime for a ride. People who ride at night should have bright lights and wear reflective clothing.
5. Ride single file in traffic.

For motorists:

1. Please be patient. Cyclists are not trying to slow you down. They have somewhere to go, too.
2. Minimize your distractions.
3. Don't squeeze cyclists. Wait until you have room to pass, giving the cyclist at least three feet of clearance.
4. Bicyclists pay taxes and have a right to the road, too.
5. Remember, cyclists are taking up one less parking space and one less place in line at the gas station.