



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE DOORING LAWS

Dooring laws provide a relatively clear rule to assign responsibility to what some people might see as an unavoidable accident – an opened door hitting or being hit by passing traffic. These laws make people responsible for looking for oncoming traffic – whether bikes, cars, or pedestrians – before opening their door. Learn more about these laws at [bike-league.org/bike-law-university](http://bike-league.org/bike-law-university).

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|----------------------|---|--|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alabama              | § 32-5A-54  |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Alaska               | 13 AAC 02.495   |  |  |                                    | X                           |
| Arizona              | 28-905.   |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Arkansas             | 27-51-1307  |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| California           | 22517   |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Colorado             | 42-4-1207   |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Connecticut          | No law  |  |  |                                    |                             |
| District of Columbia | § 4190  |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Delaware             | 18-2214.4   | X                                      |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Florida              | § 316.2005  |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Georgia              | § 40-6-243  |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Hawaii               | § 291C-0125   |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Idaho                | § 49-607  |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Illinois             | § 5/11-1407   |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Indiana              | No law  |  |  |                                    |                             |
| Iowa                 | No law  |  |  |                                    |                             |
| Kansas               | § 8-1577  |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Kentucky             | No law  |  |  |                                    |                             |
| Louisiana            | § 32:283  |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Maine                | § 2068.4,5  |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Maryland             | § 21-1105.  |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Massachusetts        | Ch. 90, Sec. 14   | X                                      |  |                                    |                             |
| Michigan             | No state law, but provided for in Michigan's Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages |  |  |                                    |                             |
| Minnesota            | § 169.315   |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Mississippi          | § 63-3-911  |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Missouri             | 300.34  |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Montana              | § 61-8-368  |  |  | X                                  | X                           |

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| Nebraska       | § 60-6,180            |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Nevada         | § 484.475 or 484B.153 |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| New Hampshire  | § 265:96              |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| New Jersey     | No law                |  |  |                                    |                             |
| New Mexico     | § 66-7-367            |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| New York       | § 1214                |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| North Carolina | No law                |  |  |                                    |                             |
| North Dakota   | § 39-10-54.1          |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Ohio           | § 4511.70(C).         |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Oklahoma       | § 11-1105             |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Oregon         | § 811.490(1).         | X                                      | X  | X                                  | X                           |
| Pennsylvania   | § 3705.               |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Rhode Island   | § 31-21-14            | X                                      | X  | X                                  | X                           |
| South Carolina | § 56-5-3822           |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| South Dakota   | § 32-30-2.5           |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Tennessee      | No law                |  |  |                                    |                             |
| Texas          | § 545.418             |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Utah           | § 41-6a-1704          |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Vermont        | § 1119                |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| Virginia       | § 46.2-818.1          |  |  |                                    |                             |
| Washington     | § 46.61.620           |  |  | X                                  | X                           |
| West Virginia  | No law                |  |  |                                    |                             |
| Wisconsin      | 346.94(20)(a)         |  |  |                                    |                             |
| Wyoming        | § 31-5-121            |  |  | X                                  | X                           |

## ABOUT DOORING LAWS

- » Dooring laws are laws that require people in a vehicle to open their door with a degree of care for moving traffic. A typical dooring law requires that a person opening a vehicle door ensure that it is reasonably safe to open the door, that opening the door will not interfere with moving traffic, and that the door is not open for any more time than necessary.
- » Dooring laws were introduced to the Uniform Vehicle Code in 1956 as UVC §11-1105.