



Share the Road Campaign:

BICYCLIST INFORMATION



Marin County's roads should be safe for all bicyclists and motorists. In order to co-exist safely, we need mutual respect and understanding between cyclists and motorists, as they share the same rights and responsibilities on public roads. Follow the behaviors included here and we'll all be safer.

BE SAFE:

Obey the law: Predictable cyclists are safe cyclists. Obeying traffic laws is the easiest way to be a more predictable rider. When drivers know what to expect they can more safely share the road with you. When cyclists fail to obey the law, we lose the support of many drivers.

Ride single file and to the right, or "take the lane":

Be aware of who is on the roadway with you. When the road is wide enough, ride single file and to the right. When the road is too narrow for a car to pass safely in your lane, "take the lane" to avoid being clipped by a motorist. When "taking the lane" you are required by California law to allow five or more cars waiting behind you to pass.

Use hand signals: The most frequent driver statement made to police at the scene of

a car/bike accident is: "I didn't even see them." Signaling draws the driver's attention to you. Signaling costs nothing and it could save your life. As signaling is actually dangerous when going down hill, slow down in advance of intersections and turns to alert motorists to a possible change in your direction.

BE COURTEOUS:

Avoid provoking motorists: Road rage kills and cyclists are the most vulnerable users of the road. Regardless of who is at fault, antagonizing motorists can result in dangerous and aggressive driving!

Don't pollute: Cycling is one of the cleanest forms of transportation on that planet. Let's keep it that way. Don't litter the roadside with energy bar wrappers where we ride.

REPORT INCIDENTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT:

The Share the Road program has the support of all 13 of Marin's law enforcement agencies, who encourage you to report "road incidents" as soon as possible. When a law has been broken, the local law enforcement agencies will take appropriate action. "Street justice" can backfire – don't participate in Road Rage!

Dial 911 to report "road incidents" such as collisions, injuries or reckless behavior.

Be a Part of the Solution, not a Part of the Problem

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Who to Call About a Road Maintenance Problem

Riding on poorly maintained road facilities can be dangerous; please report all road hazards to the proper jurisdiction, as noted below.

Belvedere	Bob Branz	435-4744
Corte Madera	Dave Bracken	927-5120
Fairfax	Debra Sue Johnson	453-0291
Larkspur	Hamid Shamsapour	927-5017
Mill Valley	Wayne Bush	388-4033 x113
Novato	Glenn Young	899-8963
Ross	Mel Jarjoura	453-1453 x119
San Anselmo	Rabi Elias	258-4623
San Rafael	Andy Preston	485-3359
Sausalito	Tom Birse	289-4176
Tiburon	Tony Iacopi	435-7399
Marin County	George Buckle	499-7512
Caltrans Southern Marin	Lynn Houston	289-2951
Caltrans West Marin		663-1176
North Bay		707-762-6641
Golden Gate Bridge		bridgecomments@goldengate.org

CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE

21200. (a) Every person riding a bicycle upon a highway has all the rights and is subject to all the provisions applicable to the driver of a vehicle ...

BICYCLIST CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Obey traffic laws (fine for running a stop sign or light can range from \$100-\$400)
2. Ride in the same direction as other traffic.
3. Ride single file and to the right, when safe.
4. "Take the lane" only when the lane is too narrow to share with a car.
5. Honor others' right of way, and don't needlessly block the road.
6. Allow motorists to pass when they are lined up behind you.
7. Check behind you before passing or changing lanes.
8. Use hand signals.
9. Ring your bell or call out when passing other cyclists and pedestrians.
10. Be predictable; don't weave.
11. Use lights at night.
12. Wear a helmet.
13. Don't ride if you are impaired by alcohol or drugs.

FREE Basic Street Skills Classes

Free Basic Street Skills bicycle safety classes are offered at Marin General Hospital in Greenbrae. **The Marin County Superior Court allows bicycle traffic infraction citation fee reduction to \$50 (regardless of the original fine amount) through class attendance.** The two-hour PowerPoint-based class teaches participants to safely and confidently use a bicycle for transportation, avoid crashes and citations, improve visibility, ride through intersections, the legal rights and obligations of cyclists, and more. Drivers benefit by understanding bicyclist behavior. Classes are appropriate for individuals aged 16 and up.

To learn more, see the class schedule, and register, please visit www.marinbike.org, or call the Marin County Bicycle Coalition at 415-456-3469 ext. 3#.

MARIN COUNTY BICYCLE COALITION

is a non-profit membership-based organization whose mission is to promote safe bicycling for everyday transportation and recreation.

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