



Guidance for Bicyclists

SHARE THE ROAD

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Obey Traffic Rules, Signals, Signs

Every person operating a bicycle shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle.

MCA 61-8-602

Ride on the Right

Bicyclists operating at less than normal speed of traffic shall ride on the right as near to the right side of the roadway as possible, unless: passing another vehicle, preparing for a left turn or avoiding an unsafe roadway condition or hazard.

MCA 61-8-605 (2)

Ride in Single File

Bicyclist must ride in single file unless: riding on paths passing another bicycle, riding in shoulder or parking lane, riding in single lane on a laned roadway with at least two lanes in each direction and are not impeding reasonable movement of traffic.

MCA 61-8-605 (4)

Be Visible

Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a white front lamp. A rear lamp emitting red light may be used in addition to rear-facing reflectors. Wear bright reflective clothing.

MCA 61-8-607 (1)

Bicycles on Sidewalks

Bicyclists shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians when riding on sidewalks and shall give audible signal before passing any pedestrian.

Signal Turns - Be Predictable



LEFT
TURN



RIGHT
TURN



ALT.
RIGHT



STOPPING

Wear a Helmet!

Guidance for Pedestrians

Stay Alert

ALWAYS look left, right, left before crossing any street. Pedestrians shall obey instructions of all traffic and pedestrian control devices.

MCA 61-8-501

Walk Defensively

Where sidewalks are provided and their use practicable, a pedestrian may not walk along and upon adjacent roadways. When no sidewalk is provided, pedestrians should walk along the shoulder facing oncoming traffic and listen to road sounds.

MCA 61-8-506

Disabled

A person operating a manual or mechanically-propelled wheelchair or device is granted the privileges and subject to the restrictions of pedestrians.

MCA 61-8-501

Guidance for Motorists

Stay Alert

Expect cyclists on the road at any time. Look for cyclists and pedestrians before turning at intersections and opening car doors.

Be Considerate When Passing

Pass only when it is safe to do so. Lower your speed and allow at least 3ft - 5ft when passing cyclists and pedestrians in the roadway.

Don't Honk

Do not honk when approaching cyclists unless they are in danger.

Yield to Pedestrians

Vehicles must yield to pedestrians within a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

MCA 61-8-502 (3)

Don't be Distracted

Avoid using cell phones, headphones, and other distractions while driving. These devices take your eyes and attention off the road.

For More Information

mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/bikeped



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