

EVERYONE SHOULD FEEL SAFE USING CONNECTICUT'S ROADS

CONNECTICUT'S ROADS ARE TRAVELED BY WALKERS, RUNNERS, CYCLISTS AND MOTORISTS WHO ARE WELCOME AND EXPECTED TO USE THE ROADS FOR TRANSPORTATION, FITNESS, AND RECREATION. WITH COMMON COURTESY, COMMON SENSE, AND RESPECT FOR THE RULES TO SHARE THE ROAD, CONNECTICUT'S ROAD CAN BE SAFE FOR EVERYONE.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART IF YOU ARE DRIVING OR IF YOU ARE CYCLING!

RULES FOR DRIVERS

Pass with care:

Give cyclists at least 3 feet. It's the law since 2008. Keep at least 3 feet of space between your vehicle and a cyclist. You may cross the center line to pass a cyclist if it's safe.

Expect cyclists, walkers, runners and others on the road.

Please slow down:

Obey speed limits. A pedestrian hit by a car going 40 mph has an 85% chance of being killed. At 20 mph the risk is 5%. Drive at a speed that's safe for all.

Let cyclists ride as far to the right as is safe:

Cyclists should ride as far to the right as they judge to be safe. Give them space to avoid hazards like potholes, debris and drain grates.

Expect cyclists in the travel lane:

Cyclists may ride in or near the middle of the travel lane when it's not safe to ride on the far right side of the road. Cyclists should ride in the travel lane to avoid hazards and when the road is too narrow for cars and bikes to proceed safely side by side

Mind the door zone:

Check for approaching cyclists before opening your car door so you don't hit them.

2014 Vulnerable User Law Mandates \$1000 Fine:

Connecticut requires a fine of up to \$1000 on drivers who cause the death or serious injury of a pedestrian, cyclist or other vulnerable road user who used reasonable care.

Source: Bike Walk CT (bikewalkct.org)



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RULES FOR CYCLISTS

BIKE WALK CONNECTICUT URGES ALL CYCLISTS TO BE GOOD AMBASSADORS FOR CYCLING AND ALWAYS FOLLOW THESE RULES TO SHARE THE ROAD IN CONNECTICUT.

Follow the rules of the road:

Obey stop signs and traffic signals. Ride on the right in the direction of traffic.

Be visible:

Always ride with lights at night. Wear bright clothes during the day and reflective materials at night. For night riding, Connecticut requires a headlight visible from at least 500 feet and a red taillight visible from 600 feet.

Signal all turns:

Use proper hand signals in advance to tell others where you are going.

Ride single file in traffic:

You may ride two abreast if traffic can pass you safely. Common courtesy usually requires riding single file in traffic, except when passing others.

Stay out of the "door zone":

Ride 3-4 feet away from parked cars so you don't get hit by an opening car door.

Watch for backup lights:

In areas where there are diagonally parked cars, look for backup lights.

Alert others that you're approaching or passing:

Allow plenty of space when passing others. Cyclists must yield to pedestrians in or at crosswalks.

Don't ride distracted:

Distracted riding is dangerous riding. Wait to use your cellphone until you're off the road. Riding with headphones is unsafe if you're distracted and can't hear other road users.

Wear a helmet correctly on every ride.

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