KEEPING PEOPLE ON BIKES SAFE

PASS SAFELY
When passing a person biking, use care and provide at least 3 feet. (R.S. 32:76.1)

BE RESPECTFUL
Honking your car horn or yelling at people biking can be taken as harassment - a car engine is loud enough for a person on a bike to hear a car behind them. (R.S. 32:201)

KEEP BIKE Lanes CLEAR
Parking in bike lanes is illegal and is dangerous for people biking that are suddenly forced into car traffic. Do not drive in, park in, or obstruct these lanes. When parallel parking, entering or exiting a driveway, or merging into a bike lane immediately before turning, always yield to people biking. (R.S. 32:203)

PAY ATTENTION
Distracted driving is a contributing factor in many crashes. Don’t text and drive! Children on bikes can be harder to see and may ride more unpredictably. Sun glare and fog can also make it difficult to see people on bikes in your path.

COMMUNICATE
Use turn signals to tell other road users you are preparing to make a turn. Tinted windows on cars can make it difficult for people biking and walking to see if you are are motioning to them - roll down your window so you can be seen.

*R.S. : Louisiana Revised Statutes

PEOPLE WALKING & THE ROADWAY

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PEOPLE WALKING HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY AT ALL CROSSWALKS, MARKED OR UNMARKED. (R.S. 32:212)

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DRivers have the legal responsibility to yield to people Walking. (R.S. 32:212)

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PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION AT INTERSECTIONS.

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PEOPLE FRIENDLY DRIVING

A HOW-TO GUIDE FOR DRIVING SAFELY AROUND PEOPLE BIKING AND WALKING
Drivers and passengers turn and look for an approaching bicyclist by using your opposite hand to open the car door.

**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO SHARE THE ROAD?**
- We are all people!
- A bicycle is a vehicle and is required by law to follow all of the rules of the road (RS 32:194)
- People on bikes fare best when they act and are treated as drivers of vehicles.

**WHY PEOPLE ON BIKES TAKE THE LANE**
“Taking the lane” is a traffic maneuver people on bikes exercise for safety by riding in an assertive position in the middle of the traffic lane.

- It is often the safest place
- Riding on sidewalks is illegal and unsafe
- To prevent being buzzed or side swiped
- To prepare for a left-hand turn
- If there is debris
- If the lane is too narrow to share
- To be more visible and to increase motorist awareness
- To avoid the door zone (the area within a few feet of parked cars where an open car door may interfere with the path of a person biking)

**BIKEWAYS**

**SEPARATED/PROTECTED BIKE LANE /CYCLE TRACK (most protected)**
A dedicated space for bicyclists with some sort of physical barrier (curb, plants, parked cars, posts, etc), may be one- or two-way.

**BUFFERED BIKE LANE**
A bicycle lane accompanied by a designated buffer space, separating the bicycle lane from the adjacent travel lane (no physical barrier!).

**BIKE LANE**
Portion of roadway marked for exclusive or preferential bicyclist use, typically one-way.

**SHARED ROADWAY (no protection)**
Any roadway upon which a bicycle lane is not designated and which may be legally used by bicycles regardless of whether such facility is specifically designated as a bikeway. The shared-lane pavement marking, or “sharrow”, tells bicyclists where to safely ride, and alerts motorists where to expect bicycles.

**KEEPING PEOPLE ON BIKES SAFE**

**BE AWARE**
Watch for people on bikes before opening your car door.

**LOOK BEFORE YOU OPEN**
Drivers and passengers turn and look for an approaching bicyclist by using your opposite hand to open the car door.