

## CARS & CYCLISTS FOLLOW THE SAME TRAFFIC LAWS

<http://www.chicagobikes.org/bikelaws>  
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/bikemap/bikelaw.htm>

### LANE USAGE

Bikes ride as far right as practicable **except for the following situations:**

When passing another bike **or car.**

When preparing to turn left.

When avoiding hazards such as:  
glass, potholes, pedestrians, ice, opening car doors, lack of a shoulder or shared lane, etc...

Bicycles have the right to use the entire lane if it is too narrow for a bike and car to be side by side without **3 feet** of space in between

As long as cars have space to pass, riding two abreast is allowed.

### PASSING A CYCLIST

Cars **must** allow **3 feet** of space when passing a bicycle.

Cyclists and cars pass on the **left only.**

### SAFETY

Bikes must have front and rear lights when riding at night.  
Helmets, while not legally required, are strongly encouraged.

### HAND SIGNALS

Cyclists point in the direction of intended turn.  
A downward arm means slowing or stopping

### PARKING

Do not park in a marked bike lane.  
Car doors can be deadly. Always check for cyclists before opening your car door.

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