

Staying Legal on Two Wheels: Oregon's Bike Laws

LIGHTS

Lighting equipment must be used when visibility is limited. Lighting equipment includes:



1. A white headlight visible from at least 500 feet.
2. A red rear reflector or light visible from at least 600 feet.

OBEY ALL SIGNS & TRAFFIC SIGNS

Bicycles must be operated like other vehicles. Bicyclists are obligated to adhere to all traffic controls including stop signs and traffic signals.

RIDE CONSISTENTLY

Cyclists must ride with the flow of traffic. They should ride as close as practical to the right, except when avoiding hazardous conditions, preparing to make a left turn, or using one-way streets. Never ride against traffic.

SIDEWALK RIDING

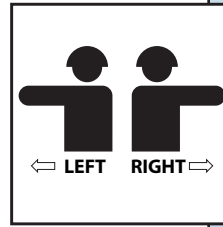
Cyclists must yield to all pedestrians on



sidewalks and marked or unmarked crosswalks. A warning must be given (bell or voice) before passing pedestrians. Riding on sidewalks in downtown Portland is prohibited.

TURNING

Hand signals indicating a turn are required for cyclists at least 100 feet before a turn or stop except when both hands are necessary to control or operate the bicycle.



HELMETS

Helmets are mandatory for cyclists under the age of 16, unless wearing a helmet "would violate a religious belief or practice of the person". Helmets are encouraged for cyclists over 16 because they reduce the likelihood of a head injury.



BRAKES

Bikes must be equipped with a brake that is strong enough to bring the bicycle to a skid on dry, level, clean pavement.



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WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OREGON BIKE LAWS?

- Oregon Bicycle Manual:
www.oregon.gov/odot/hwy/bikeped/publications.shtml
- Pedal Power: A Legal Guide for Oregon Bicyclists:
www.bta4bikes.org