

# MOTORIST SAFETY TIPS

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## Tips for Staying Safe

1. Check mirrors for cyclists advancing on either side
2. Relax and reduce your speed; no hurry is worth injury or death
3. Drive even slower around elementary school children, they're unpredictable!
4. Catch the eye of pedestrians before advancing across a crosswalk
5. Let passengers exit curbside, only at official drop-off points and not in the middle of traffic
6. Don't honk your horn when approaching bicyclists!
7. After passing a cyclist on your right, check over your shoulder to make sure you have allowed adequate distance before merging back into the lane
8. Use sunglasses or a visor to block sun glare
9. Give bicyclists extra room in inclement weather
10. Avoid making U-turns or other unsafe maneuvers that put others at risk

## Traffic Laws

1. No cell phone use while driving unless using hands-free Bluetooth device (no texting!)
2. Only 1 ear bud is allowed while driving
3. Leave at least 3 feet of passing space between the right side of your vehicle and a cyclist
4. Before opening your car door, check for bicyclists, even when there is no bicycle lane
5. When a road is too narrow to allow bikes and cars side-by-side safely, a cyclist can legally take the lane and ride in the center
6. At intersections, yield to oncoming bicyclists just as you would to oncoming motorists
7. Pedestrians have the right of way in crosswalks; do not advance across a crosswalk until pedestrians are successfully across

## Tips to Avoid Traffic

1. Use an alternate drop-off point to avoid traffic surrounding schools (check with your school for suggested drop-off points)
2. Carpool :)
3. Walk or bike :)

