**Top Ways to Stay Visible on a Bicycle**

If you ride your bike every day, you already know the countless benefits compared to driver a car: it’s healthier, eco-friendlier it and honestly it’s more fun! One of the ways you can making your ride as safe as it can be is to make sure you stand out as much as possible. Here are some of the top ways you can stay visible while cycling.

**Avoid Passing on the Right**

You want to avoid passing on the right-hand side of the road or you will set yourself up for the right hook. If you have to pass right, make sure you are riding in the middle of the lane right between other vehicles. [Passing on the right](https://www.bicycling.com/rides/safety-etiquette/how-to-legally-pass-on-a-bike/slide/2) also makes it harder for oncoming traffic to see you approaching from across the street. Drivers should be more aware of their surroundings and making sure that they are not distracted by their phone, so keep this in mind when you’re trying to pass

**Use those Turn Signals**

Make sure you use those hand signals where you’re turning. There are 4 signals that every cyclist and every driver should know. When you’re signaling that you are turning left, extend your *left arm out.* If you are stopping or slowing down extend *your left arm down*. There are two right turn signals that you can do. You can extend your *right arm out* or you can extend your *left arm up.* Drivers might not be aware of the last one, so it’s really important that everyone brushes up on knowing their turn signals so that drivers can share the road with bicyclists more safely.

**Dress to Stand Out**

When you’re riding your bike in the daytime, you should wear something that’s fluorescent. Colors like yellow and green are most easily visible during the day. At night, you should wear something reflective, not fluorescent. [Reflective clothing](https://www.bicycling.com/bikes-and-gear-features/reviews/safety-flair-our-favorite-reflective-cycling-gear) will make a cyclist easy to spot at nighttime for any motorist using headlights. While dressing in fluorescent and reflective clothing helps you stand out more, drivers need to be more careful when passing by bicyclists.

Drivers need to slow down, pay attention, and look for other people on the road. At night the colors that the cyclists are wearing would be irrelevant. If someone gets behind the wheel of a car, they have to make sure that they keep everyone else safe who is using the roads, especially after dark when visibility isn’t as great.

**Bonus: How to Drive Around Cyclists**

With more and more people seeing the benefits of cycling, there are more cyclists on the road now than ever. Drivers need to be mindful that there are other means of transportation using the road. If you are riding alongside a cyclist, make sure you give them space as you would if you were riding alongside another car. Just like if you were cycling, always make sure to check your blind spot if you are turning right. That way you will ensure that you will not cut off any cyclists. Lastly, when you’re parked (especially on the street), make sure to always double check before getting out so you don’t accidently door a passing cyclist.

Just by taking those simple measures, you can make driving along cyclists so much easier!

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