## **Auto-Friendly Bicyclist**



## The law in Colorado

- Bicycles are vehicles and bicyclists are required to follow all signs, signals and rules of the road.
- Follow the right of way. Do not give or accept unlawful courtesies.
- Ride with the flow of traffic.
- Bicyclists and motorists must use turn or hand signals before turning or changing lanes.
- Bicyclists should ride as far to the right as judged safe but may take the center of the lane for their safety. Bicyclists may use the full lane.
- At night, use a white front light, red rear reflector or light and side reflectors or lights.
- Bicyclists may ride two abreast when not impeding the flow traffic.
- Motorists must give bicyclists at least three feet of space when passing.

## **Best practices**

- Ride defensively.
- Scan regularly while riding, particularly before turning, changing lanes and navigating intersections.
- Ride straight and predictably in a lane and avoid "lane-splitting."
- If you feel unsafe crossing an intersection, walk your bike through as a pedestrian.
- Remember, no matter how we get around, we are all people.

Report aggressive drivers to the Colorado State Patrol by calling \*277

## **Course notes**

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