

# Bicycles

## Share the Road

Bicyclists have the same rights and the same responsibilities as other drivers in Nevada. Cyclists must ride to the right unless they are preparing to turn left or are able to match the speed of traffic. Cyclists must obey all traffic signs and signals and use hand signals for turns and stops.

## Rules for Motorists

- When passing, you must move into an adjacent lane to the left if possible. If not, you must pass with at least 3 feet of clearance between your car and the bicycle. Safe passing is the motorist's responsibility. (NRS 484B.270 effective 10/1/2011)
- Yield to cyclists at intersections as you would for other vehicles and pedestrians.
- Do not drive or park in designated bicycle lanes or paths unless you are turning or in an emergency.
- Extend special courtesy and care to inexperienced riders, especially children.



## Rules for Cyclists

- Always ride on the right and as far to the right as practicable. Cyclists may ride two abreast. Ride single file in traffic for courtesy.
- Obey all signs and signals. Teach them to children.
- Use hand signals for turns and stops.
- Ride at least three feet away from parked cars.
- LISTEN for cars approaching from the side or rear.
- Don't follow cars closely or ride in their blind spot.
- Always be prepared to stop.
- Check your bike's mechanical condition before every ride. Brakes are required by law.
- It is illegal to cling to another vehicle.

## Night Riding

See and be seen. Wear bright clothing during the day and reflective clothing at night. Bicycles ridden at night must have:

- A white lamp in the front visible from at least 500 feet away.
- A red tail reflector visible in a vehicle's low beams from 300 feet away.
- Reflective material on the sides of the bike visible in low beams from at least 600 feet away or a lamp visible from both sides from 500 feet away. (NRS 484B.783)

## Get the Correct Sizes

Big bikes and helmets to "grow into" are not safe.

Children: Sit on the seat with knees straight and feet flat on the ground.



Adults: Sit on the seat with knee nearly straight when foot is on the pedal in its lowest position.

## Insist on Helmets

Bike helmets can reduce the risk of head injury by 85 percent when worn correctly. (NHTSA)

- Use foam pads inside to fit the helmet snugly so it doesn't move on the head.
- The helmet should fit low on your forehead so that two fingers fit between it and your eyebrows. Another way to check is to put the helmet on your head and look up. If you can't see your helmet, it is too far back.
- Adjust the two side straps so they meet in a "V" right under each ear.
- Adjust the chin strap snugly. Make it tight enough so the helmet pulls down when you open your mouth.
- Replace a helmet which has been in a crash.



## Local Resources

Nevada has an active bicycling community devoted both to safety and to enjoyment of the unique riding experiences in the Silver State.

### Bicycle Nevada

Information on highways, tours, events, the Nevada Bicycle Advisory Board and State Bicycle Plan.  
(775) 888-RIDE  
[www.bicyclenevada.com](http://www.bicyclenevada.com)



### Nevada Office of Traffic Safety

Bicycle education courses and instructor training.  
(775) 684-7479 | [www.ots.state.nv.us](http://www.ots.state.nv.us)

**zero**<sup>®</sup>  
**Fatalities**

*Drive Safe Nevada*

Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles  
Nevada Department of Transportation  
[dmv.nv.com](http://dmv.nv.com) | [zerofatalitiesnv.com](http://zerofatalitiesnv.com)