

Before turning right, always check your mirror as you approach. Then take a quick look across your shoulder before turning. If you see an approaching rider, you must yield.

Open your door with caution.
After parking and before you exit
your vehicle, check your mirror for people
on bikes. And get into the habit of using your
opposite arm to open your door. This makes
you turn your body in the direction of the
bike lane and helps you watch for riders.

Park your phone. The best way to make sure you always see people on bikes is to avoid distractions behind the wheel. Eyes on the road, hands on the wheel!







For more safety tips, visit: oregonwalkbike.org and oregonfriendlydriver.org



**Transportation Safety** 



## HELP KEEP EVERYONE SAFE!

Oregon has laws\* designed to help keep riders safe from passing vehicles. Here are some things to keep in mind when you're passing people on bicycles.

## **FALL DISTANCE**

Fall Distance is the amount of space a rider needs in case they should fall. It's required by Oregon law on any road greater than 35 MPH, but whenever possible, follow this standard for safety. The easiest way to leave the fall distance is by changing lanes.



Always slow down as you approach a person on a bicycle – and please do not honk!

Wait patiently until it's safe to pass, and the next lane is clear.

On roads less than 35 MPH, allow at least 3 feet to avoid contact with the rider. More is always better!

\*ORS 811.065 - Passing of person operating a bicycle



## IN A NO-PASSING ZONE

It's now legal to pass people on bicycles in a no-passing zone, as long as they're riding at less than half the speed limit. Here's how:



First, **be patient and hold back** for a good moment to pass.



Once it's clear, move fully into the next lane.



As you pass, keep your speed at 5 miles below the speed limit.



Wait until you see the riders in your rearview mirror before you move back into your lane.

\*ORS 811.420 - Passing in no passing zone

Pass only on the left, unless the rider is to your left, or is making a left turn.

**Remember,** people on bikes are allowed to take the whole lane when they need to.

**Driving a large vehicle?** Be mindful that displaced air may cause wind gusts, impacting riders. Reduce your speed and maintain extra distance whenever possible.