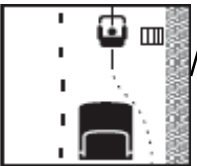


# Rules of the Road - Motorists



## Expect Bicyclists on the Road

Always expect to encounter a bicyclist on the road: on all types of roads, in all types of weather and at all times of the day and night. Bicyclists may be riding out in the travel lane for their own safety due to narrow roads, obstacles, or broken pavement. **Before opening your car door, check for bicyclists who may be approaching.**



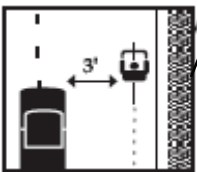
## Watch for Children

Children on bicycles are often unpredictable—expect the unexpected.



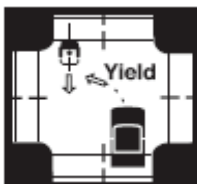
## Don't Use Your Horn

Honking your horn when approaching a bicyclist could startle them and cause a crash.



## Pass with Care—Give Bicyclists at LEAST 3 Feet

Pass a bicyclist as you would any slow-moving vehicle. Slow down, wait until oncoming traffic is clear and allow at least 3 feet of clearance between your car and the bicyclist when passing—it's the law. **South Carolina law allows a motorist to cross a double yellow line to pass a bicyclist when it is safe to do so.** After passing a bicyclist, check over your shoulder to make sure you have allowed enough room before moving over. Experienced bicyclists often ride 25 to 30 mph and may be closer than you think.



## Be Careful in Intersections

Always assume bicyclists are traveling through an intersection unless they signal otherwise, and yield to them as you would to any other slow-moving vehicle. **Do not turn left or right in front of bicyclists unless you can do so safely—IT'S THE LAW.**

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