

Driver Information

Bicyclists and walkers are at greater risk on the road than drivers. They are smaller, quieter and have no crumple zone. A small mistake by a driver can result in serious injury or death to a cyclist or walker. Drivers must respect the rights of other road users.

Pass with Care

- Treat a bicyclist as you would any slow moving vehicle. Pass only when the road ahead is clear.
- Slow down when passing, especially if the road is narrow.
- Give at least one metre of space between you and a bicyclist when passing.
- Check over your shoulder before moving back into your travel lane to make sure you have left enough space.

Yield to Bicyclists

- When turning left, yield to oncoming bicyclists. Experienced bicyclists can travel 30 to 40 km/hr and can be moving faster than you think.
- Do not make a right hand turn in front of bicyclists. Assume they are travelling through unless they signal otherwise.



Watch for Bicyclists

- Expect to see bicyclists on roads. Bicyclists may ride one metre from the road edge, but can occupy any part of a lane if safety warrants e.g. to avoid obstacles, to turn left, or if the lane isn't wide enough for a driver to safely pass.
- Check for bicyclists before opening your car door.
- Children on bicycles are often unpredictable.
- Expect the unexpected and drive with caution.



Don't honk your horn – it can startle bicyclists and cause them to swerve into traffic.

Walker Information

- Walk facing traffic or use sidewalks where available.
- Wear bright clothing and reflectors.
- Make eye contact with drivers.

Together, we can keep our roads safe for everyone.

We **ALL** have a responsibility to **SHARE** the **ROAD!**

For more information, visit www.hnhu.org/sharetheroad

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SHARE THE ROAD

in Norfolk County



- **SAME ROADS.**
- **SAME RULES.**
- **SAME RIGHTS.**

There are lots of great reasons to ride a bicycle: health, fitness, fun, environment, transportation. Norfolk and Haldimand County has great scenery, interesting destinations and an extensive roads system for travelling by bicycle.

- Same Roads •
 - Same Rules •
 - Same Rights •

Being a rural area, most of our roads are two-lane, which means bicyclists, walkers and drivers will often be sharing the road. We want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable experience on our roads. When all users follow the rules, with care and courtesy, it is easy to share the road!



Important Rules of the Road and Cycling Tips

Obey all traffic laws, signs and signals

Bicycles are considered vehicles under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, and have the same rights and responsibilities on public roadways as drivers.

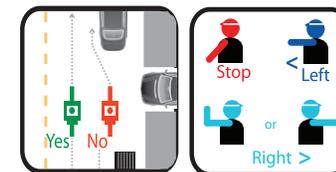
Ride on the Right

- Always ride in the same direction as traffic, far enough from the road edge to keep a straight line.
- Ride single file, except when passing.
- You may occupy any part of a lane when your safety warrants it e.g. to avoid obstacles, or if the lane isn't wide enough to safely pass.



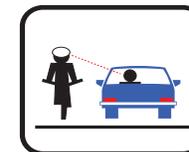
Be Predictable

- Ride in a straight line – don't weave around obstacles.
- Stay about one metre from the edge/curb or parked cars to avoid hazards.
- Use hand signals to communicate turns, lane changes and stops to other road users.



Be Visible

- Wear brightly coloured clothing, including reflectors.
- Lights are recommended always, but especially in low light conditions.
- Stay out of drivers' blind spots – especially truck drivers.
- Make eye contact with drivers – it's the best way to know they see you.



Be Courteous

- When riding in groups, leave gaps to allow space for drivers or other bicyclists to pass.
- Acknowledge drivers with a wave when they've passed you safely.
- Yield to pedestrians. Warn others with a ring of your bell or friendly greeting before passing.

Take Care of Your Gear and Yourself

- Your bike is a machine and works best and safest when it is well-maintained.
- Wear a helmet and make sure it fits correctly.

For more detailed information see "Cycling Skills – Ontario's Guide to Safe Cycling", Ministry of Transportation. www.ontario.ca/safecycling