



Bike Lane Safety Tips

For Drivers:

- Do not cross solid bike lane lines unless going to or from a parking space.
- Cross only “dashed” line bicycle lane segments. A dashed bike lane line means that cars may enter the bike lane. Cross with caution while looking for active cyclists. These segments will be identified by “sharrow” markings which indicate a shared zone. The “sharrow” consists of a bike symbol with a double line chevron on top.
- Reduce speed when traveling near cyclists.
- Check “blind” spot before crossing shared zones to make right turns.
- Look for cyclists before opening doors in parking spaces adjacent to bike lanes.
- No stopping, standing or parking in bike lanes.
- Remember, every lane is a bike lane. Cyclists have the rights to use almost any road (with a few high speed exceptions).

For Cyclists:

- Watch for crossing vehicles in “dashed” line segments of bike lanes. The beginning of these segments will be identified by “sharrows”. Ride on the “sharrows”. **On shared lanes, the bike symbol and chevron are placed to help you avoid cars.**
- When bike lanes are adjacent to parked cars, ride in the left portion of the lane about 4-5 feet from the cars.
- Obey all traffic control devices (signals and signs) and yield to pedestrians when turning across crosswalks.
- Travel only in the same direction as traffic flow unless the bike lane is signed and **marked for two way travel**. **Pay extra attention to buses and trucks.** Leave additional room between you and the bus/truck. Keep in mind that these types of **vehicles make wide turns.**

- Never pass other vehicles in the adjacent lane when approaching an intersection. You will enter into the blind spot of a turning vehicle.
- When turning out of a bike lane, avoid making a left turn from a far right lane or vice-versa. Either change lanes prior to the intersection or proceed to the other side and then wait for the next signal phase to continue on the right side of the crossing roadway.
- Wear a helmet and bright reflective vest or clothing at all times while riding.
- Only ride at night when equipped with front and rear working lights.

For Pedestrians:

- Before you step off the curb to cross the street, stop, look and listen for bicycles and other vehicles (bicycles can be very quiet).
- Do not stand or walk in a bike lane.
- Make eye contact with cyclists and drivers to be sure that they see you before you cross.



For more information on how to Bike Smart in White Plains, visit www.cityofwhiteplains.com or call the City of White Plains Traffic Division at (914) 422-1315.