# Know RIGHTS



As a bicyclist, you have the right to move around Irvine and O.C. safely and use the streets like any motor vehicle driver. The California **Vehicle Code (CVC 21200) says:** Every person riding a bicycle upon a [roadway] has all the rights and is subject to all the provisions applicable to the driver of a vehicle...



You have the right to take the lane if the street width doesn't allow cars and bikes to travel comfortably side by side. You may also take the lane to avoid hazardous conditions like debris, broken pavement, and parked cars (door hazard). Otherwise you must keep as far to the right as practicable unless you're riding the normal speed of traffic (CVC 21202).

No person shall open the door of a vehicle on the side available to moving traffic unless it is reasonably safe to do so and can be done without interfering with the movement of such traffic (CVC 22517). ...But don't risk being hurt by riding in the "Door Zone", pass with 3'!

If you're involved in a collision resulting in injury or property damage, you should file a police report. You have the right to call the police for vehicle assault, be sure to get the motorist's license plate just in case.

Bicycles help make a **Healthy City - Healthy Planet** and you a Healthy Person!

## Give RESPECT

Give respect to pedestrians, motorists & other bicyclists. It's the right thing to do. Bad bicycling manners make cyclists targets of public anger and citations from the police. Respectful riding will help cyclists win respect; it's an investment in better biking in our community.

STAY OFF SIDEWALKS

(Pedestrian right of way) Sidepaths are wider so bikes are welcome





Legal in Irvine, but not on UCI or in all cities. Slow down, yield & look out at every corner.



**FOLLOW ALL TRAFFIC SIGNS** 

You may only go straight from a TURN LANE if it is posted "EXCEPT

RIDE WITH TRAFFIC **NEVER AGAINST IT** 

in the street, on shoulders, in bike lanes and on sidewalks





SHARF THE ROAD

### TAKF YOUR TURN





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