

Cyclist Safety and Etiquette

A bicycle is a vehicle, according to state law, and has the rights and obligations of other vehicles on the road. That means that cyclists in Jersey City and throughout New Jersey are safe, legal, and good ambassadors of cycling when they:

- **Ride on the right-hand side of the road, in single file**
- **Observe all traffic laws, including stoplights and stop signs** (failure to do so may result in a ticket)
- **Move left in order to make a left turn; to avoid debris or hazards; to pass other vehicles/bikes**
- **Use hand signals to signal a turn. Act predictably; don't weave**
- **When the road is narrow and visibility is poor, move toward the center of the lane to become seen in traffic**
- **Use a front white lamp and rear red lamp at night** (required by state law)
- **Use a bell** (required by state law)
- **Do not ride on sidewalks; if you feel unsafe on the street, hop off the bike and become a pedestrian**
- **Wear a helmet** (required if under 18)
- **Chain bikes to bike racks when they are available.**

Please consult www.bikejc.org/road-rules for more information.

Other resources include: <http://www.nj.gov/oag/hts/bike-tips.html> and <http://www.be-safe.org/>.

