

# COMMIT TO BIKE SAFETY at intersections



## DID YOU KNOW?

Cycling is one of the most versatile ways to get around. Cyclists can ride on the road, trail or bike lane. Parents and guardians supervising children on small bikes may ride on the sidewalk.

Since bicycles share our roads with other vehicles, it's important that we all work together to create a safe space. Learn how using extra caution at intersections can help cyclists ride safe.



74%

of cycling collisions happen at **intersections**

58%

of those occur in the **crosswalk**



Before you bike through an intersection, **DO THE EXTRA SEC CHECK:**

Take a second to check the traffic signals

Look over your left shoulder and ahead for turning vehicles

Continue to watch for vehicles as you ride through

## Drivers, expect and respect cyclists at every intersection



**Always look for cyclists** before you turn left or right



**Always check your blind spot** for bicycles before changing lanes



**Always give one metre** of space to cyclists

## Five tips for safe cycling at intersections

- ✓ Make eye contact with drivers and be aware of traffic around you
- ✓ To go straight through an intersection, ride in the rightmost through lane
- ✓ Always enter intersections either ahead of or behind the vehicle in your lane, so you see their turn signals and they see you
- ✓ Watch and be prepared for vehicles turning across your path
- ✓ Ride with the flow of traffic where possible, since drivers don't always expect cyclists to enter intersections from the opposing direction

**We all share the Region's roads. Let's get there safely together.**

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