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RELEASE

Use your membership key or ride code (provided to Pass Riders) to unlock a bike from any dock at any station.



RIDE

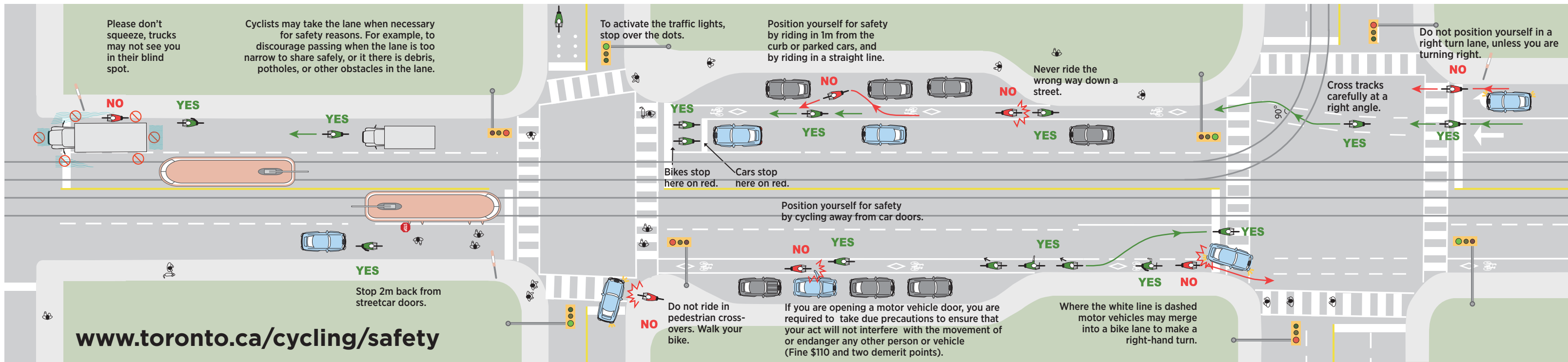
The first 30 minutes of each trip you make is always included, no matter how many trips you make a day! Ride safely and watch your trip time.



RETURN

Return your bicycle to any station. Wait for the green light on the dock to turn on to confirm the bicycle has been safely returned.

Cycling Safety



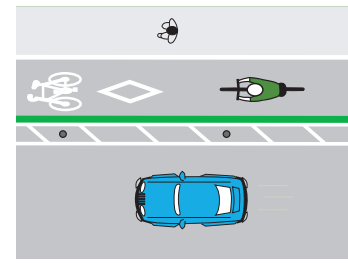
The Cycling Network

There are lots of great places to ride your bicycle in the City of Toronto. The City installs a variety of road markings and signs, to mark bicycle routes, while off-road multi-use trails offer a cyclists a way to get away from the motorized traffic on Toronto's busy streets.

Cycle Tracks

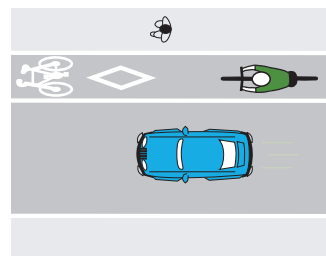
Cycle Tracks are dedicated cycling lanes which include a separation between the cyclist and the adjacent traffic lane.

Green pavement markings are used to draw cyclists' and motorists' attention to potential conflict zones along bikeways.

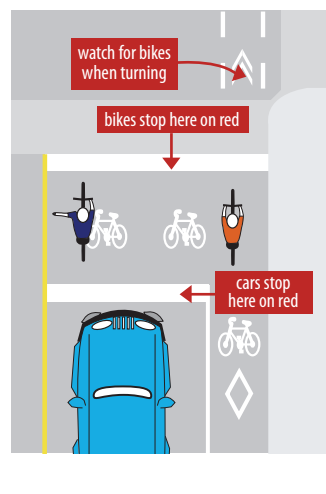


Bike Lanes

Bike lanes can be recognized by the diamond symbol next to the lane line. This means that the lane is reserved for the use of cyclists only. Motorists who park, stand, or drive in a bicycle lane may be fined \$150 for violating the City of Toronto bike lane bylaw. You may phone parking enforcement to report a vehicle in a bike lane by phoning 416-808-6600.



Bike boxes are painted at intersections to provide a space where cyclists wait in front of cars at a red light. Clearing the intersection ahead of cars helps cyclists make safer turns and crossings. Motorists must yield to cyclists who have positioned themselves in a bike box while the cyclists wait for a red light to change, and while the cyclists proceed through the intersection once the light is green.



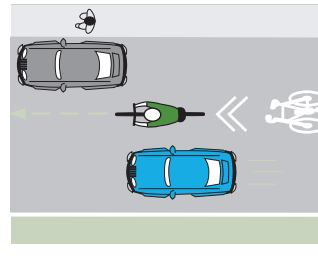
Two-stage bike boxes provide space for cyclists to stop safely and wait for the light to change while making a "pedestrian-style" left turn.



On-Street Shared Cycling Connection

Shared lane road markings

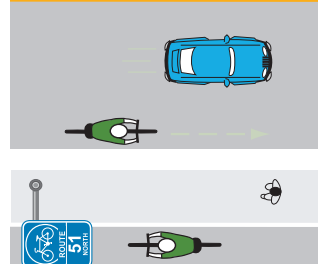
"Sharrows" are a reminder to watch for cyclists when sharing the roadway. Sharrows also help motorists and cyclists share the road by indicating the ideal position for a cyclist in the shared lane. If the lane is wide, then the sharrow will be located about 1m from the curb, but if the lane is too narrow for motorists and cyclists to safely travel side by side, the sharrow will be in the middle of the lane, so that cyclists are encouraged to "take the lane". There is no fine associated with parking, standing, or stopping over top of a sharrow marking.



Contra-flow bicycle lanes allow cyclists to travel two ways on streets which are one way for all other vehicles. Cyclists riding in the same direction as motorized traffic should not ride in the contra-flow bicycle lane.

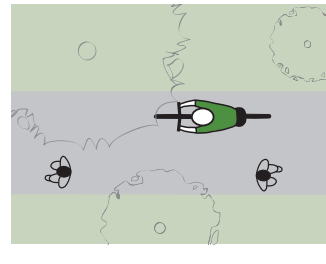


Signed Shared Roadways are quiet street cycling routes where wayfinding signage has been installed. Toronto is currently in the process of renewing these quiet street cycling routes, by adding pavement markings to support the existing wayfinding signage.



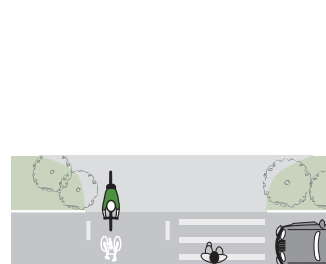
Trails

Multi-Use Trails in Parks, Ravines, Hydro Corridors, or similar green spaces may not be used by motor vehicle traffic. Multi-Use trails are shared with pedestrians, and the City's Parks bylaw includes a 20km/h speed limit for all trails. Most 'major' multi-use trails are paved, while 'minor' trails may be narrow, or have an unpaved rough surface. A handful of informal dirt footpaths have been included, if they provide a valuable walking connection between two major cycling routes.



Trail-road crossings

Since cyclists may not legally ride through a crosswalk, new trail-road crossings are designed with parallel bike and pedestrian crossings. Cyclists can ride across the intersection in the marked bicycle crossing, without having to dismount to walk their bike through the pedestrian crossing.



Sidewalks are for Pedestrians

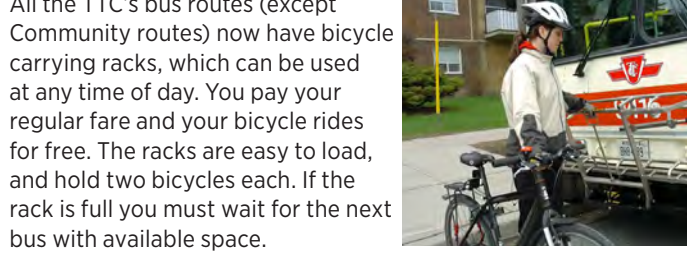
In the City of Toronto no person age 14 and older may ride a bicycle on a sidewalk. Children are permitted to cycle on the sidewalk, so that they may learn to ride safely away from motor vehicles.



Bicycles and Transit

Bicycles and the TTC

Bicycles are permitted on TTC subways, RT Trains, streetcars, and buses during weekday "non-peak" hours. "Non-peak" hours are on weekdays from 10:00am to 3:30pm, plus evenings from 7:00pm to 6:30am, as well as anytime on weekends or statutory holidays.



Repair stand locations are marked on the map with this symbol.

For more information visit ttc.ca or 416-393-INFO

Bicycles on Go Transit

Bicycles are allowed on GO trains during weekday off-peak hours, on trains travelling opposite to peak direction as well as on any trains on weekends and statutory holidays. (Folding bicycles may be brought on the trains at any time.) Four adult bicycles fit on each regular GO railcar, two just inside each set of doors. Bicycles are not permitted in doorways next to the washroom, or on wheelchair-accessible train cars. Look for the dedicated bicycle coach used on select routes.

Bicycles are not permitted inside Union Station during peak hours.

All GO buses are equipped with a bicycle rack for two bicycles, which can be used at any time of day. Folding bicycles in proper carrying cases can be stored in the under-floor luggage compartment (however not all buses have one).

You pay your regular fare and your bicycle rides for free.

For more information: gotransit.com or 416-869-3200

Bicycles on VIA Rail Trains

Schedules of trains equipped with bike racks are available online at viarail.ca/bike

Bicycles on Toronto Island Ferries

Bicycles are permitted year-round. You pay your regular fare and your bicycle rides for free.

Collisions

Helmets don't prevent collisions from happening, but when they do happen, they can help protect you from head injuries. Wearing a helmet may also help your case if you end up in court. Make the smart choice and wear a helmet to protect yourself.

If you are involved in a collision:

- Report the crash at the scene, then wait for the police to arrive. (emergency 911, non-emergency 416-808-2222)
- Ask witnesses to identify themselves.
- If a motor vehicle is involved, record the driver's name, phone number, insurance policy details, a description of the vehicle, and license plate number.
- If you do not have access to insurance, contact the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund. Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists (ARC) may be able to refer you to a lawyer for advice on making an insurance claim.

Please assist other persons involved in a collision by helping them follow the steps above.

Power Assisted Bicycles

Power-assisted bicycles may be ridden in City of Toronto cycle tracks and on multi-use trails if they:

- Weight less than 40kg
- Require pedalling for propulsion ("pedelecs")
- Obey the City-wide 20km/h speed limit when using a multi-use trail

A vehicle which is capable of being propelled solely by motor power and does not require pedalling does not meet the City's definition of a bicycle, and may not be ridden in cycle tracks or on the trails.

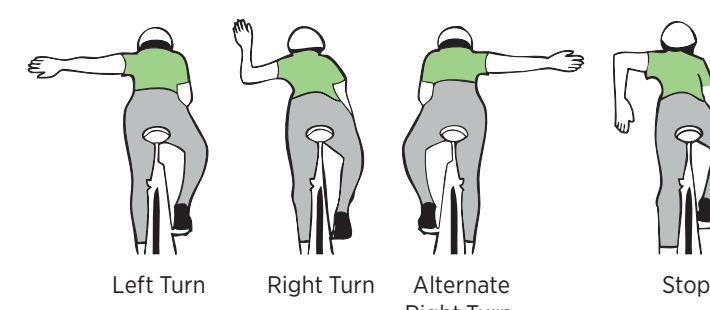
Electric scooters which meet the province of Ontario's definition of an "e-bike" may be used in painted bicycle lanes, but are required by law to:

- Yield to slower moving bicycle traffic when approaching from behind.
- Merge out of the bicycle lane, and use the adjacent traffic lane to pass cyclists in the bicycle lane.

If you notice a pothole, road markings which have faded, missing signs or similar issues please phone 311 or email 311@toronto.ca

Cycling Safely

Signals



Roadway Legal Rights and Obligations

Bicycles are regulated as vehicles, according to the Ontario Highway Traffic Act. In addition to the general rules of the road for all vehicles:

- All bicycles must have a working brake and bell or horn.
- At night, bicycle must have a white light on the front, and a red light or reflector on the back.
- As slower moving vehicles, cyclists should ride "as far right as practicable". "Practicable" means that you should position yourself for safety in the curb lane, unless you are passing, or making a left hand turn.
- Cyclists may ride two abreast, but only when there is sufficient space on the roadway to allow faster vehicles to safely pass.
- Faster vehicles and cyclists should ride and pass to the left of slower riders.

The 'Making Ontario Roads Safer Act' (2015):

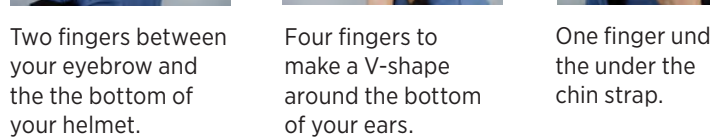
- Requires drivers of motor vehicles to keep a minimum distance of one metre, where practical, when passing cyclists.

The Toronto 'Careless Riding' Bylaw also states:

- No person operating a bicycle shall carry a package, bundle, or article which prevents the rider from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

For more information visit toronto.ca/cycling/laws

Do the 2-4-1 Helmet Salute



Bicycle Parking

Bicycle Locking Rings

Bicycle locking rings are intended for short-term bicycle parking. You may request a bicycle locking ring on any City sidewalk or boulevard free of charge by emailing streetfurniture@toronto.ca



If you know of a bicycle that has been left for a long time and appears to be abandoned, please call 311.

Bicycle Lockers

Bicycle lockers are intended for secure, long term parking at key transportation hubs and destinations. Bicycle Lockers cost \$11.30 a month for a minimum of four months.



Station Bicycle Stations

Bicycle Stations are indoor facilities providing secure long-term bike parking at locations with very high demand for bike parking.

To gain access to a Bicycle Station you must register in person during staff hours at the main office, located at the south-east corner of Front St. and York St., in Union Station's lower level.

For more information, including fees and current staff hours, call 416-338-3666, or visit toronto.ca/cycling/bicycle-station

Protect Your Bicycle From Theft

- Always lock your bicycle. Use the best lock you can afford.
- Avoid dark, hidden, or isolated parking spots.
- Take removable parts, such as lights or bags, with you.
- Try to secure the frame and at least one wheel to an object that is unmovable.
- Replace quick-release skewers with nuts and bolts.
- If possible, avoid parking outdoors overnight.
- Register your bicycle with Toronto Police: torontopolice.on.ca/bike
- Report stolen bikes to Police: 416-888-2222
- Don't buy stolen bicycles. When buying a used bike, ask for proof of ownership.