

# Seasonal Driving Tip-August 2016



"Breathing Life Into Safety"

## RISK MANAGEMENT PRESENTS

# SHARING THE ROADS: CYCLING

### Upcoming Driver Safety Classes:

#### **Distracted Driver:**

8/16/16

MSB 1401 JFK

Rm 16 X (10 am-12 pm)

9/15/16

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Rm 16 Z (10 am-12 pm)

10/06/16

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Rm 16 (10 am-12 pm)

#### **Rules of the Road:**

8/25/16

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Rm 16 E (10 am-12 pm)

9/20/16

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Rm 16 Z (10 am-12 pm)

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Rm 16 Z (2 pm-4 pm)

#### **Defensive Driver:**

11/15/16

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Rm 16 E (8:30 am-12:30 pm)

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With more and more people choosing to travel by bicycle, it's important for both drivers and cyclists to understand the rules of the road in order to prevent tragedy. Too often cars and bicycles come dangerously close to each other. When sharing roads, the minimum distance a motorist should allow between them and a cyclist is four feet. If you give more than four feet, it is truly appreciated by the cyclist.

Some benefits of allowing four feet when passing a cyclist are:

- Enables motorist to pass safely without worrying about contact,
- Reduces chance of injuring a cyclist with a car's side view mirror,
- Increases sense of security for cyclists, who can then avoid debris and potholes without worrying about space.

As a motorist, you will encounter cyclists on the road and that's a good thing. Riding a bicycle to work or school or while running errands:

- Supports better health and fitness,
- Helps reduce pollution and traffic,
- Creates more livable communities.

#### **What does the law say?**

Pennsylvania State law classifies bicycles as vehicles, with all the rights and responsibilities of a vehicle driver. This means that bicycles have a right to be on the road.

They also bear the responsibility to obey traffic laws.

The Pennsylvania State driver's manual mandates allowing at least four feet of space when passing a bicycle.

The [Pennsylvania State Driver's Manual](#) states on page 90 that before passing:

- First decide whether you can maneuver around the bicyclist.
- Be sure to check for oncoming traffic.
- When passing, you must allow at least four (4) feet between your vehicle and a bicycle in order to pass safely.

#### **Basic bicyclist rules**

Unless making a left turn, bicyclists traveling slower than passing vehicles must keep to the right side of the roadway and must travel in the same direction as the rest of traffic. However, this requirement is waived on roads with a single lane in each direction.



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APPEAR ONLY  
WHEN LOOKED AT.**  
IT'S ROAD SAFETY. NOT ROCKET SCIENCE.

