Tips for Cyclists:

- Always wear a helmet
- Always ride in the same direction as traffic
- Be predictable and ride in a straight line. Do not weave in and out of parked cars
- Indicate your intention to turn or pass
- Be a courteous rider
- When in a group, ride single file
- Make eye contact with drivers at intersections
- When riding at night, always ride a bike with reflectors, wear bright clothes, and use both front and rear lights

For more information about cycling safety:

Town of Orangeville

519-940-9092 Ext. 4109

cycleorangeville@orangeville.ca 87 Broadway, Orangeville, ON L9W 1K1 www.orangeville.ca

Motor Transportation Ontario (MTO)

1-800-268-4686 or (416) 235-4686 in GTA www.mto.gov.on.ca > Search Bicycle Safety



Tips for Drivers:

- Be aware that bicyclists use town streets and watch for them
 - If the lane is too narrow to safely share, cyclists are entitled to the whole travel lane
 - Give cyclists enough room for their safety
 - Honking may startle a rider and make them swerve
 - Leave lots of space when passing yet pass with purpose
 - Signal all turns and lane changes well in advance

* Respect the right to ride!*

Understand that it is perfectly legal to ride a bicycle on the street.

Hand Signals

It is important to signal all turns on the road so that drivers around you are aware of your upcoming change in direction.





Stopping





Right turn (option 1)

Right turn (option 2)

Tips:

- Practice your signals, always starting with a shoulder check
- Learn to ride in a straight line with one hand, since you will be using one arm to signal

Trail Riding Tips:

- Announce passing with the ring of a bell or "on your left"
- Show courtesy and respect to other trail users
- Yield to slower users
- Obey the rules of the trail
- Yield to traffic at places where the trail crosses the road
- Ride on the right side of the trail

Laws:

Drivers must keep a minimum **one-metre** distance when passing cyclists on the road





Higher fines of \$110 for cyclists who do not have proper lights and reflectors

Fines of \$365 and 3 demerit points for opening a door into passing cyclists



What is a sharrow?

• A sharrow is an on-road marking indicating bicycle traffic

 Watch for them in other towns and cities

For Cyclists

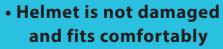
- Ride to the right
- This is a good route to get around town

For Drivers

- **Watch for riders**
- **Drive normally**



Basic Bike Safety Checklist



- Bounce Test no rattles or loose bolts
- Brakes are easy to pull and stop the bike
- Chain moves freely and switches gears
- Tires are properly inflated

Keep vour bike secure!

Always carry a quality bike lock when out riding. Lock your bike and quick release items (i.e. wheels and seat) to something solid.

