Every city benefits from safe and inviting streets, and Portland is no exception. Whether walking, biking or driving, sharing the road is what we’re all about.

When You Bike

People on foot have the right of way. In the crosswalk or at an unmarked intersection, cyclists are required to stop for people walking. (ORS 811.028)

Be predictable. Ride with the flow of other vehicle traffic. (ORS 814.400) Maintain a straight line of travel whenever possible.

Heed the signs and signals. Stop at stop signs and obey red lights, just like all other road users. (ORS 811.260)

Communication is key. Hand signals help other road users know where you’re headed. Signal when you are able, but don’t sacrifice safety when two hands are needed to operate the brakes. (ORS 814.440)

Ride aware. Approach all intersections with caution. People biking in a bike lane have the right of way, but turning vehicles may not see you.

Be seen, be safe. A front white light and a rear red reflector are required by law when riding at night or in low visibility conditions. (ORS 815.280) In addition, we recommend a rear red light and bright or reflective clothing and accessories.

Keep an ear clear. Increase safety and communication by leaving one ear bud, or both, out when you ride.

When You Drive

People on foot have the right of way. In the crosswalk or at an unmarked intersection, drivers are required to stop for people walking. (ORS 811.028)

Communication is key. Signaling your turns well in advance helps all road users know where you’re headed. (ORS 811.400) Law requires a signal at least 100 feet before you turn. (ORS 811.335)

Check before you turn. Get in the habit of checking your side-view mirror before every right turn in case people are biking by on your right.

Mind the door zone. Take care when opening a door into the bike lane or street so as not to hit a passing bicycle rider with your door. (ORS 811.490)

Respect the bike lane. Motorists must yield to people biking in bike lanes, so let them pass before turning or parking. (ORS 811.050) Keep clear of a solid bike lane until you reach your intersection or where the lane striping becomes dashed. (ORS 811.440)

Give a little room. When passing a person biking, leave at least three feet of distance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on sharing the road go to portlandoregon.gov/transportation

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