



Ohio Traffic
Safety Office

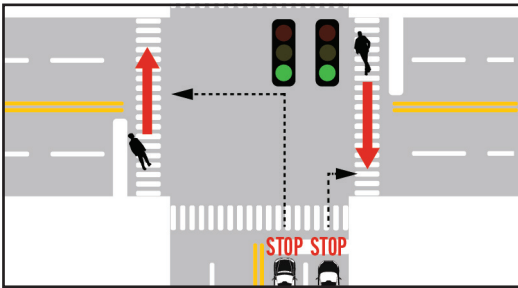
SHARE THE ROAD

It's Everyone's Responsibility

When driving, we must:

- Drive the speed limit.
- Be alert for bicyclists and pedestrians – never drive distracted or impaired.
- Give bicyclists at least 3 feet when passing. Bikes are vehicles and can legally use the full travel lane.
- Pass bicyclists only when it is safe to do so; always check for oncoming traffic.
- Be extra cautious when backing up across sidewalks or in parking lots.

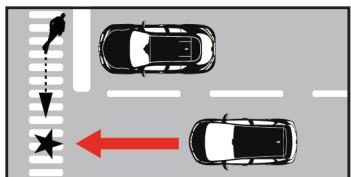
Turning Drivers Stop Even on Green



Before turning right or left on a green light, **STOP** for pedestrians. They have the right of way.

Never Pass A Stopped Car at a Crosswalk

A pedestrian may be crossing and hidden from your view. When stopping for a pedestrian, stop far behind the crosswalk so that other drivers can see the person crossing.



Just like drivers behind the wheel, bicyclists and pedestrians must obey signs and signals.

When riding, we must:

- Be predictable - always ride WITH the direction of traffic and use bike lanes when available.
- Wear a properly fitted helmet.
- Be visible - wear bright, reflective clothing.



Each year in Ohio, over **1,150** bicyclists are involved in a traffic crash.*

In 2021, Section 4511.514 of The Ohio Revised Code took effect – establishing requirements for low-speed micromobility devices, including e-scooters.

The law allows these devices to be operated on public streets, sidewalks, shared-use paths, and bike lanes.

When riding an e-scooter, we must:

- Be 16 years of age or older.
- Yield to pedestrians, and audibly signal before passing pedestrians.
- Ride on bicycle paths and lanes, only in areas where it is allowed.



Wear a helmet! According to the CDC, **45%** of all e-scooter injuries involve head trauma.

When walking, we must:

- If no sidewalks are present, walk AGAINST the direction of traffic.
- Use the crosswalk when available; drivers know to look for pedestrians there.
- Stay alert when using the crosswalk and always look both ways for oncoming vehicles.



Each year in Ohio, over **2,500** pedestrians are involved in a traffic crash.*

*Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety (OSTATS)