

# STREET SMARTS

## R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

Whether you're driving, cycling or walking, always remember to respect the motorists, cyclists and pedestrians who are sharing the roadways and sidewalks with you. Doing so keeps everyone safe and brings you respect in return.

Here are a few smart tips to keep in mind the next time you hit the streets.

### DRIVERS

- ▶ Don't block a bike lane. Cyclists will have to swerve into traffic to avoid you, and you'll be breaking the law.
- ▶ Always look around and **put on your signal** before making a turn. A cyclist may be beside you, or a pedestrian could be crossing the intersection.
- ▶ **Obey the speed limit.** Driving too fast endangers everyone.
- ▶ Don't become distracted with activities like eating, drinking, emailing, texting or talking on the phone. **Stay focused on the road.**
- ▶ Make sure no one is walking or riding by you before you open your car door.
- ▶ **Don't double park.** You will block other motorists and cyclists will have to move farther into the roadway to pass you.

## CYCLISTS

- ▶ When riding on the street, **obey all traffic rules** just like you would if you were driving a car.
- ▶ **Share the lane** with motorists when you're moving slower than traffic and can safely bicycle to the right.
- ▶ Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians. Get off and push your bike if the area is crowded with pedestrians.
- ▶ Slow down when approaching an intersection.
- ▶ Give pedestrians an **audible signal** before overtaking and passing them.

## PEDESTRIANS

- ▶ Always **be aware** of your surroundings. Check behind you before cutting across the sidewalk
- ▶ On sidewalks, walk on the right, pass on the left and make room for oncoming pedestrians.
- ▶ Where there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road **facing traffic**.
- ▶ If a cyclist is approaching, let him or her change direction so you don't collide.
- ▶ When exiting a bus, do not cross the street in front of the bus; oncoming motorists can't see you.
- ▶ Look both ways before crossing a street. **Make eye contact** with motorists and cyclists before crossing.

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