

Common Bicyclist Errors

Unfortunately, not everyone who rides a bike understands or obeys the rules of the road. The following are some of the common errors you may encounter as a motorist.

>**Wrong way riding.** Bicyclists riding on the left (wrong) side of the road, facing traffic, cause 14 percent of all car/bike crashes. Look both ways before turning to avoid these crashes.

>**Mid-block ride-outs.** This is the most frequent crash type for young riders and occurs when the bicyclist enters the roadway from a driveway, alley, or curb without slowing, stopping or looking for traffic.

>**Bicyclist failure to yield when changing lanes** (11 percent of car/bike collisions occur when the bicyclist fails to look before changing a lane or dodges a hazard in the roadway without signaling.

>**Bicyclist failure to yield to crossing traffic** (9 percent of car/bike collisions occur when the bicyclist fails to stop at a stop sign or traffic light and enters the main road without first stopping and determining it is safe to do so. Some times bicyclist fails to stop because a triggered light will not change for them. They still need to stop and yield before entering the road.

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How to Drive Around Bicyclists



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