



## Top 10 Tips

Here are the *Watch For Cyclists!* **Top 10 Tips** to help motorists and cyclists share the road.

TIP NUMBER 1:

**Watch for Cyclists before driving out.** When starting your car, look in every direction before driving out to avoid collisions.

TIP NUMBER 2:

**Watch for Cyclists using sidewalks.**

A cyclist can use a sidewalk in a residential area. They can also use the sidewalk if the road presents a hazard.

TIP NUMBER 3:

**Watch for Cyclists especially at night.**

At night or dusk, a cyclist can disappear in reduced distances. Be alert! As a cyclist, use lights, reflectors and bright clothing. Be seen!

Kids can be unpredictable day or night and may not control their bicycle well. Keep in mind that a child on a bike may appear unnoticed above the hood.

TIP NUMBER 4:

**Watch for Cyclists sharing the road.**

The same rights and rules apply to cyclists on the road. Check your blind spots for cyclists. Check your mirrors and turn to verify that you are clear to move before maneuvering.

TIP NUMBER 5:

**Watch for cyclists at intersections.** When reaching an intersection, look in each direction. Make sure bicycles are not approaching your path. Avoid collisions.

When reaching a 4-way stop, allow the first vehicle to cross the intersection first.

TIP NUMBER 6:

**Watch for cyclists before turning right.** When making a right-hand turn, use your mirror to check for approaching cyclists from the rear.

If a cyclist is on your right, slow down and allow them to pass before making your turn.

TIP NUMBER 7:

**Watch for cyclists when passing.**

When passing a cyclist on the road give a minimum of 3 feet to avoid winddraft that can drag the cyclist towards traffic. Use a passing lane when possible.

TIP NUMBER 8:

**Watch for cyclists before turning left.** When making a left turn, check for on-coming cyclists and allow them to pass. Cyclists can travel as fast as 25-30 miles per hour and can reach you faster than you think.

TIP NUMBER 9:

**Watch for cyclists and slow down.**

Speeding reduces your ability to see what is on the road. It also reduces your response time. Maintain the speed limit and keep the road safe for everyone.

TIP NUMBER 10:

**Watch for Cyclists before opening your door.** Check your mirror before opening your car door. An unexpected open door can cause serious injury to a cyclist.

With these Top 10 Tips you'll become a better driver and help create a more bicycle-friendly Houston.

Remember, one more cyclist is one less car on the road. Watch For Cyclists! And share the road.



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