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-  Obey traffic signs and signals
-  Ride with traffic, never against traffic
-  Ride as far to the right as practicable
-  Use paved shoulders and bike lanes when available and always be on the lookout for road hazards or debris
-  On narrow roads without bike lanes or shoulders, play it safe and ride single-file
-  Ride no more than two abreast when traveling in a shared roadway lane; return to riding single-file if riding two abreast impedes the flow of traffic
-  Use hand signals to indicate what you intend to do
-  Wear bright clothing; when riding early in the morning or at night, use a headlight, taillight and reflectors
-  Use caution when riding at sunrise and sunset; the bright sunlight can make bicyclists difficult to see
-  Make eye contact with drivers whenever possible; never assume motorists see you or that you have the right-of-way
-  Never catch a ride by holding on to or attaching your bicycle to another vehicle
-  Keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times
-  Do not wear headphones - they block other sounds you need to hear
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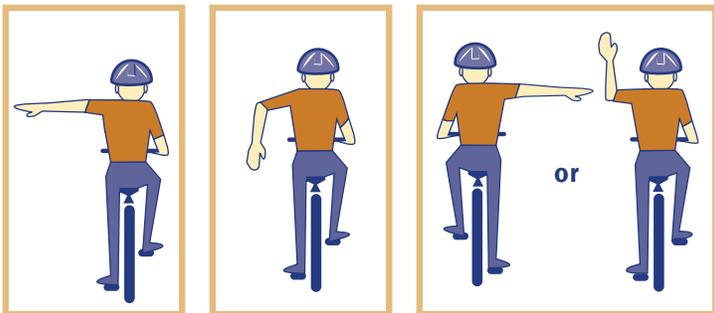
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### Night Riding Equipment

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### Use Hand Signals

Use the proper hand signals for left or right turns and for slowing or stopping. When turning, you must signal continuously at least 100 feet before the turn, unless use of your hand is needed to control your bicycle.



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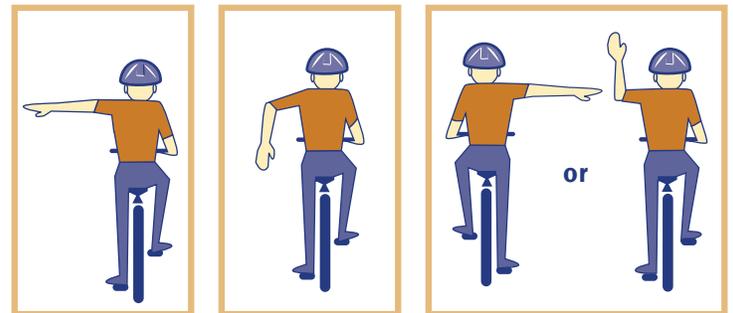
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