**Bicycle Safety Tips**

**OBEY ALL REGULATORY SIGNS AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS**
Bicyclists have all the rights and responsibilities as drivers of motor vehicles. Navigate traffic in a way that's predictable for drivers, pedestrians, and other cyclists.

**ALWAYS RIDE WITH TRAFFIC**
Motorists are not looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. Ride with traffic to avoid potential accidents.

**USE HAND SIGNALS**
Hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. Point in the direction you intend to turn. Signal as a matter of courtesy, safety and as required by law.

**ALWAYS PASS ON THE LEFT**
Motorists do not expect a bicyclist to pass on the right, and they may not see you if you do so. Pass on the left side of vehicles to avoid scenarios like those depicted here.

**WATCH FOR CARS PULLING OUT**
Make eye contact with drivers. Assume they do not see you until you are sure they do.

**AVOID ROAD HAZARDS**
Watch out for sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, gravel and ice. Cross railroad tracks at right angles. For better control across bumps and other hazards, stand up on your pedals.

**RIDE A WELL-EQUIPPED BIKE**
Be sure your bike is adjusted to fit you properly. Outfit it with a fenders and a rack to carry bike bags. A water bottle and tool kit are good additions too. Always use a strong headlight and taillight at night and in poor visibility.

**DRESS APPROPRIATELY**
Wear a helmet whenever you ride. Bright clothes aid visibility, so wear light-colored clothes at night. Also, Montana's changing weather demands preparedness. Wear gloves, head coverings and jackets when biking in the winter.

**LOCK YOUR BIKE**
Buy the best locking system you can afford: no lock is as expensive as a new bike. Lock the frame and rear wheel to a fixed object such as a bike rack. Avoid locking your bike to urban trees.

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