

What is a Bicycle Lane?

- A bicycle lane is an exclusive lane on the right side of the road designed especially for bikes.



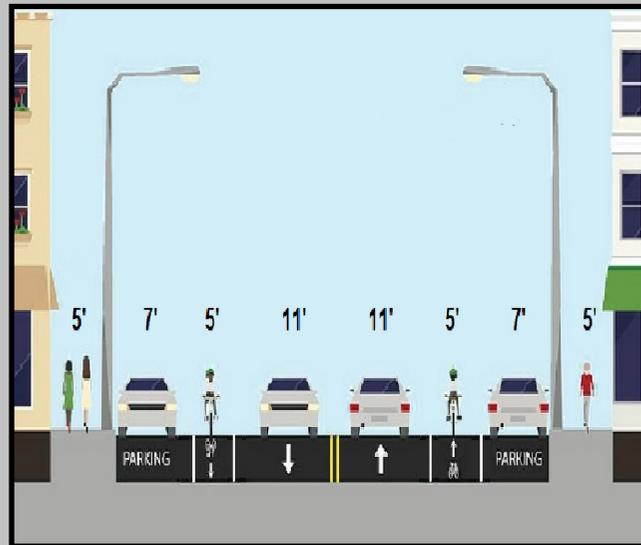
- Bike lanes are designated with bicycle pavement markings and arrows that direct cyclists in the direction to travel.



Why are Bike Lanes being Installed?

Bike lanes are being installed on some roads in Connecticut to provide multiple benefits:

- Improvement of safety for cyclists.
- To help establish order in the roadway by providing a designated place for bicyclists and motorists and enhancing safety for everyone.
- This effort will help communities implement aspects of the Connecticut General Statutes § 14-232 Law.
- Further the development of Complete Streets as promoted by Connecticut State Law and OSTA Policy.
- Improve travel behavior and predictability on multilane roadways.

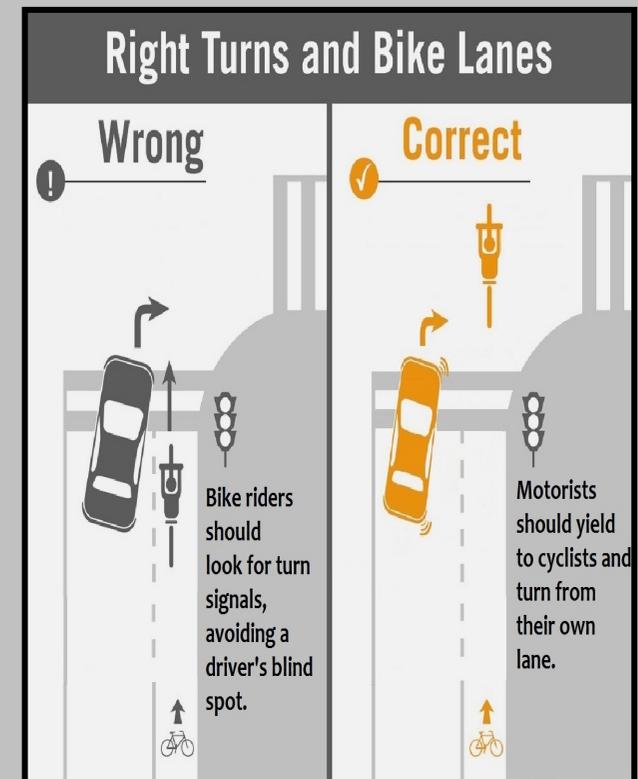


CT General Statutes § 14-232

A "safe distance" means not less than three (3) feet when the driver of a vehicle overtakes and passes a person riding a bicycle.

These laws seek to ensure that when passing bicycles, vehicles allow adequate space to avoid sideswiping bicyclists or causing them to overcorrect to avoid a vehicle.

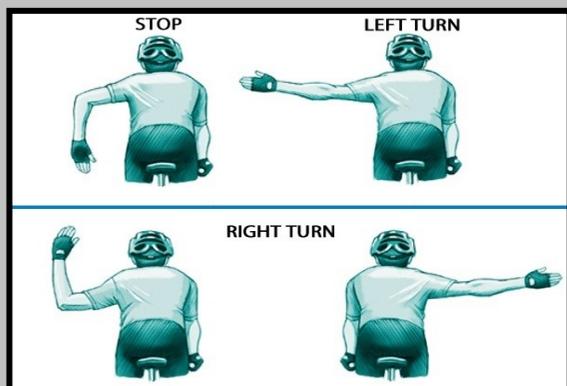
When turning right, a motorist should **always** yield to bicyclists going straight and wait until after they clear the intersection or driveway.



CT General Statutes § 14-286c

(a) **Left Turn:** Each person riding a bike intending to make a **left** turn must approach as far right of that travel lane as he or she judges to be safest, proceed across the intersecting roadway, and make such a turn as close as possible to the curb on the far side of the intersection.

(b) **Signaling:** Each person riding on the road must motion **before** turning, by extending the corresponding arm straight out in the direction he or she is turning. For right turns, one can hold up his or her left hand with the elbow at a 90 degree angle, as seen in the image below.



(c) **Signaling Requirements:** No person riding a bike who is intending to make a right or left turn shall be required to make such signal continuously.

How Should Motorists and Bicyclists Operate When on a Roadway with a Bicycle Lane?

- A person riding a bike on the road has all of the rights and duties applicable to the driver of a car.
- Bicyclists are reminded to use hand signals to inform motorists of their intentions.
- A person shall not operate a vehicle on or across a bicycle lane, except to enter or leave adjacent property.
- Bicyclists are reminded to follow the rules of the road, ride with traffic, and obey all traffic control devices, including signals and stop signs.
- Motorists should drive carefully around a cyclist because the slightest mistake by the driver or the bicyclist can result in injury or death.

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