

LIB Extra – from the League of Illinois Bicyclists

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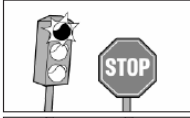
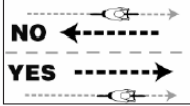
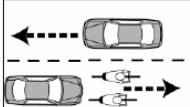
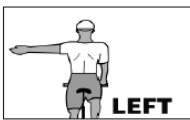



Police and sheriff departments throughout Illinois have been sent new resources to educate and enforce the sharing of our roads. LIB’s “Safe Roads for Bicycling” grant from IDOT funded police training courses by LIB and a mailing with the following contents (also available at www.bikelib.org/enforcement):

- Samples of a traffic violation warning pamphlet to educate either motorists or cyclists
- A poster highlighting motorist and cyclist “Danger Zones” and enforcement tips
- LIB’s updated Illinois bike law cards (quantities available from LIB)

The police campaign used a well-received, balanced approach in advocating the education of both motorists and cyclists. Violations in the warning pamphlet are shown below.

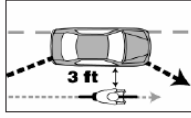
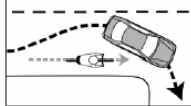
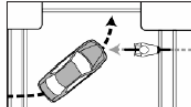
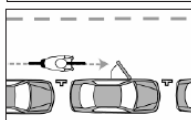
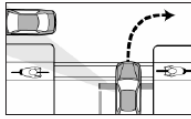
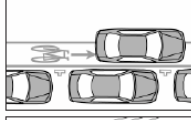

Bicyclists fare best when they act and are treated like motorists. That means bicyclists must obey all traffic laws. Your actions affect the public's opinion about all bicyclists.

BICYCLIST VIOLATIONS

	Failure to observe red light or stop sign.
	Riding on the wrong side of the road. Bicyclists should ride with traffic, not against it.
	Blocking traffic on a busy road. Ride single file, unless riding two abreast does not impede normal and reasonable traffic flow.
	Failure to signal. Bicyclists should use hands signals to let motorists know what they plan to do.
	No headlight and rear reflector for night riding.
	Trick riding, weaving on the road, hitching ride on a moving vehicle.
	Wearing earphones while bicycling

Motorists must recognize that bicycles are legal vehicles and must treat them like any other vehicle on the road.

MOTORIST VIOLATIONS

	Failure to pass a bicyclist safely. Bicyclists need at least three feet of space to be safe, more if the vehicle is traveling fast.
	Passing a bicyclist, then turning right into the path of the bicyclist.
	Failure to yield when making a left turn in front of a bicyclist.
	Opening door into bicyclist's path.
	Failure to scan for bicyclists at crosswalks, failure to stop at the line.
	Parking in bike lanes.
	Speeding. Higher the speed, the greater the chance of serious injury or death for bicyclists.