

BIKING IN DC

A comprehensive guide to understanding all your biking options in Washington, DC

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that DC has over 145 miles of bike lanes and trails? Learn more about biking in the District and download the DC Bike Map at godcgo.com/bike. Our friends at WABA.org have more info about bike laws, tips for new riders, what to do in case of a crash, and much more.

BIKE SAFETY



WEAR A HELMET

Helmets dramatically reduce the risk of head injury in a bicycle accident.



NEVER RIDE AGAINST TRAFFIC

Ride with traffic to avoid potential crashes.



FOLLOW ALL TRAFFIC LAWS

Bicyclists are required to obey all regulatory signs and traffic lights.



DO NOT DODGE BETWEEN PARKED CARS

Ride in a straight line at least 5 feet away from parked cars.



USE HAND SIGNALS to tell motorists, cyclists and pedestrians what you intend to do. Be predictable.



RIDE IN SINGLE FILE,

except when passing.



BEWARE OF PARKED CAR DOORS - THEY CAN OPEN AT ANY TIME

Ride at least 5 feet away from parked vehicles.



BE ALERT.

Scan the road. Always know your surroundings.



BE CAREFUL AT INTERSECTIONS.

Use caution since most collisions occur at intersections. Watch for turning vehicles.



RIDE ON SIDEWALKS ONLY WHEN NECESSARY

and always yield to pedestrians. Riding on the sidewalk is illegal in downtown Washington, DC and in Alexandria in the King/Union Street Commercial Zone.