

— RIDE SAFE —

A CYCLIST'S QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

FOR CALIFORNIA



GEAR

Cyclists and passengers under 18 must wear an approved helmet. **CVC 21212**

Reflectors on the each side of the bike forward of the center of the bike, and to the rear of the center of the bike, reflectors on the pedals, shoes or ankles, a red reflector or solid or flashing red light with reflector on the rear of the bike, plus a white front light are mandatory for night riding.

CVC 21201

Hands-free devices and headphones may not cover both ears. **CVC 27400**



ROADWAY

Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians - especially at all intersections, even without a crosswalk.

CVC 21950

When on a bike you have the same rights and have to obey most of the same rules as a car. Obey the signs, lights, and even the blood-alcohol levels.

CVC 21200, 21200.5

Allowing cycling on the sidewalk is regulated by City and County ordinances. It may be considered obstructing the pedestrian right-of-way, such as parking a bicycle on its side: look for out-of-the-way parking. **CVC 21210**



LANES

Cyclists may ride in the travel lanes (vehicle lanes). Follow traffic, maintain a safe speed, and be sure to signal in the travel lanes. **CVC 21202**

To avoid road hazards (including parked cars and car doors), cyclists may move into travel lanes when necessary without going at the speed of traffic. **CVC 21202**

Ride in the same direction as traffic in the travel lane or bike lane. Walk your bike on the sidewalk in places like San Francisco where it is illegal to ride on the sidewalk over the age of 13.

CVC 21650, SF Transportation Code Sec. 7.2.12

Pass other cyclists on the left, even if that requires using the travel lane. **CVC 21208**



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