

PENNSYLVANIA BIKE LAWS

Bicycles are classified as vehicles in Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For that reason bicyclists have rights and responsibilities similar to motorists. Bicyclists also must follow specific laws written because of the bicycle's vulnerability and limited speed.

Bicycles may ride:

- On all roads except freeways with limited access
- On the right hand side of the roadway
- On the left side of the leftmost travel lane on a one-way road
- As close to the roadway edge as practical (allowing for the free flow of traffic, but without endangering the bicyclist)
- In the traffic lane
- On paved highway shoulders, riding in the same direction as vehicles moving in the adjacent traffic lane
- In the middle of a travel lane if sharing a travel lane is →

dangerous, or when traveling as fast as traffic

- On sidewalks, except in business districts or where prohibited by local ordinance (Note: sidewalk riding is more hazardous than riding in the road in nearly all cases)
- In left turn lanes when turning left
- In right turn lanes when turning right
- When going straight through an intersection, on the right-hand side of the rightmost through lane or the center of a combined through/right turn lane
- On the right side of multi-use trails, yielding to other users

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www.dot.state.pa.us/BIKE/WEB/bikelaws.htm

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