

# RESPECT

WE'RE ALL ON THE ROAD TOGETHER



Our world is changing  
 and so is the way we get places.  
 More and more, we're seeing people  
 cycling, walking and running to get where they need to go.

Remember to take extra care when sharing the roadways with bicycles and pedestrians.

- Allow a safety cushion: Slow down, wait until the roadway is safe for passing, and pass with at least 2 feet of clearance.
- The smallest bump to a cyclist or pedestrian can be fatal.
- Minimize your distractions: Distracted drivers are more likely to hit cyclists and pedestrians.

In 2009, 84 people died walking or cycling on our Virginia roadways.  
 In addition, 607 cyclists and 1,402 pedestrians were injured.

Take a second, save a life. Think about cyclists and pedestrians.

Here's how we all can contribute to making the roads safer:

### Motorists AND bicyclists:

Travel on the right side of the road, use turn signals (lights or hand signals), obey traffic signs and roadway markings, lights required at night, yield to pedestrians in marked and unmarked crosswalks.

### Cyclists:

Local ordinance can prohibit riding on sidewalks and require helmets.

### Pedestrians:

Travel against traffic if walking in road, use sidewalks when available, use marked crosswalks when available.

### Motorists:

Pass pedestrian or bike with at least 2 feet of space, pass at reasonable speed.

### Smart Tips for Everyone:

- Be visible! Bright colors, blinking lights, reflective clothing.
- Think! Your decisions can save your life or the life of another.
- Go Slow! Take extra time around vulnerable roadway users.
- Be engaged! Don't be a distracted roadway user of any kind.

Go online to learn more about biking and walking the roadways of Virginia.  
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