

Motorists

Bicycles that cannot keep up with other traffic are expected to ride one meter from the curb or parked cars, or as close as practicable to the right hand edge of the road when there is no curb keep to the right of the lane;. However, they can use any part of the lane if necessary for safety, such as to:

- avoid obstacles, debris, potholes and sewer grates;
- cross railway or streetcar tracks at a 90° angle; and
- discourage passing where the lane is too narrow to be shared safely.

Cyclists are not required to ride close to the right edge of the road when they are traveling at or faster than the normal speed of traffic at that time and place, or when they are getting in position to turn left or turning left. (Cyclists are permitted to make a left turn from a left turn lane, where one is available.)

When passing a cyclist, allow at least one metre between your car and the cyclist.

Whenever possible, you should change lanes to pass. When turning right, signal and check your mirrors and the blind spot to your right to make sure you do not cut off a cyclist. When parked on the side of the street, look behind you and check your mirrors and blinds spots for a passing cyclist before opening a door.

Safe Cycling Tips

See: Always be aware of your surroundings. Use shoulder checks to know where other vehicles are.

Be Seen: Stay in the motorist's field of vision. Wear bright clothing and use lights.

Be Predictable: Cycle in a straight line and avoid making abrupt or unpredictable movements. Signal all stops and turns.

Respect pedestrians and motorists, and share the road responsibly!

References:

- <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/pubs/cycling-guide/>
- <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/dandv/driver/handbook/section2.3.2.shtml>
- http://www.greatersudbury.ca/content/div_clerks/documents/By_law_20_744929.pdf

GET SMART GET CYCLING

The SCU is a grassroots organization whose focus is to provide a strong unified voice for cyclists and to facilitate a better urban cycling culture in Sudbury. Our aim is to make cycling safe, accessible, and fun for people of all ages and abilities.



SUDBURY CYCLISTS UNION

LEGAL GUIDELINES FOR CYCLISTS AND MOTORISTS



Cyclists

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION

A bicycle is a vehicle under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act (HTA). This means that, as a bicyclist, you have the same rights and responsibilities to obey all traffic laws as other road users. Cyclists charged for disobeying traffic laws will be subject to a minimum set fine and a Victim Surcharge fine of \$20.00 for most offences.

The following are key sections of the HTA concerning cyclists.

HTA 144/136 - **Traffic signals and signs:** stop for red lights and stop signs and comply with all other signs. Set fine: \$85.00

HTA 153 - **One-ways streets:** ride in the designated direction on one-way streets. Set fine: \$85.00

HTA 147 - **Slow moving traffic travel on right side:** any vehicle moving slower than the normal traffic speed should drive in the right-hand lane, or as close as practicable to the right edge of the road except when preparing to turn left or when passing another vehicle. Set fine: \$85.00

HTA 142 - **Signalling a turn:** before turning, look behind you and signal your turn. Cyclists can use their right arm to signal a right turn. Set fine: \$85.00

HTA 140(1) 144(29) – **Crosswalks:** yield or stop for pedestrians at crosswalks. Set fine: \$85.00

HTA 140(6)/144(29) - **No riding in crosswalks:** walk your bike when crossing at a crosswalk. Set fine: \$85.00

HTA 166 – **Streetcars:** stop two metres behind streetcar doors and wait until passengers have boarded or departed and reached the curb. Set fine: \$85.00

HTA 175 (12) - **Stopped school buses:** stop for stopped school buses when the upper alternating red lights are flashing. Set fine: \$400.00

HTA 62(17) – **Lights:** a bike must have a white front light and a red rear light or reflector if you ride between 1/2 hour before sunset and 1/2 hour after sunrise and white reflective tape on the front forks and red reflective tape on rear forks. Set fine: \$20.00

HTA 75 (5) - **Bell:** a bike must have a bell or horn in good working order. Set fine: \$85.00

HTA 64(3) – **Brakes:** a bike must have at least one brake system on the rear wheel. When you put on the brakes, you should be able to skid on dry, level pavement. Set fine: \$85.00

HTA 218 – **Identification:** Cyclists must stop and identify themselves when required to stop by police for breaking traffic laws. The police officer will ask you for your correct name and address. Set fine: \$85.00

HTA Reg. 630 – **Expressways:** Bicycles are prohibited on expressway / freeway highways such as the 400 series, the QEW, Ottawa Queensway and on roads where “No Bicycle” signs are posted. Set fine: \$85.00

HTA 178(2) – **Passengers:** Passengers are not allowed on a bicycle designed for one person. Set fine: \$85.00

HTA 178(1) - **Attaching to a vehicle:** You are not permitted to attach yourself to the outside of another vehicle or streetcar for the purpose of “hitching a ride.” Set fine: \$85.00

HTA 104 – **Helmets:** Every cyclist under the age of eighteen must wear an approved bicycle helmet. Parents or guardians shall not knowingly permit cyclists under sixteen to ride without a helmet. Set fine: \$60.00

HTA 179 - **Dismounted bicyclist:** Cyclists are required to ride on the right-hand side of the road. If you are walking your bike on a highway where there are no sidewalks, you are considered a pedestrian and you should walk on the left-hand side of the road facing traffic. If it is not safe for you to cross the road to face traffic, you may walk your bike on the right-hand side of the road. Set fine: \$35.00.

CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY BY-LAWS - By-Law 2010-1: By-Law to Regulate Traffic and Parking in the City of Greater Sudbury

III.10 - It is illegal to lean your bike against or chain your bike to a parking meter. Fine: \$21 + \$15 victim surcharge and costs.

IV.16(1) - It is illegal to ride your bike on the sidewalk or boulevard. Fine: \$105 + \$30 victim surcharge and costs.

It is legal to cycle in the winter and you do not need a City permit to cycle in Sudbury.