

1. Call 9-1-1
2. Car license plate:\_\_\_\_\_
3. Car make+model:\_\_\_\_\_
4. Driver's name+license #:\_\_\_\_\_
5. Driver's phone #:\_\_\_\_\_
6. Driver's address:\_\_\_\_\_
7. Driver's insurance policy #, co:\_\_\_\_\_
8. Owner? Who?\_\_\_\_\_
9. Witness info:\_\_\_\_\_
10. Get a police report!
- 1 1. TAKE PICTURES (of driver, too)!

**Bicyclist Rights** (CVC 21200) Bicyclists have all the rights and responsibilities of vehicle drivers.

**Use of the Roadway** (CVC 21202) Bicycles traveling slower than the normal speed of traffic must ride as close to the right side of the road as practicable except when passing, preparing for a left turn, to avoid hazards and dangerous conditions or if the lane is too narrow.

**Direction of Travel** (CVC 21650) Bicyclist must travel on the right side of the roadway in the direction of traffic.

**Bicycle Lane Use** (CVC 21208) Bicyclists traveling slower than traffic must use bike lanes except when making a left turn, passing, or avoiding hazardous conditions.

**Equipment** (CVC 21202,21204) Bicycles must be equipped with at least a brake which allows operators to execute to a wheelskid on dry, level, clean pavement. Handlebars must not be higher than the rider's shoulders. Bicycles must be small enough for the rider to stop, support it with one foot on the ground, and restart safely. At night bicycles must be equipped with a white headlight or white light attached to the rider and visible from the front. Bicycles must also have a rear red reflector and white or yellow pedal reflectors. There must be a white or yellow reflector on the front of the bicycle visible from the side, and a red or white reflector on the rear of the bicycle visible from the side. All riders must have a permanent, regular seat. Bicycle passengers under 40 lbs. must have a seat which retains them in place and protects them from moving parts.

**Signals that fail to detect bikes** (CVC 21800(d) (1)) The driver of any vehicle approaching an intersection which has official traffic control signals that are inoperative shall stop at the intersection, and may proceed with caution when it is safe to do so.

**Alcohol and Drugs** (CVC 21200.5) It is against the law to ride a bicycle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**Hitching Rides** (CVC 21203) Bicyclists may not hitch rides on vehicles.

**Carrying Articles** (CVC 21205) Bicyclists may not carry items which keep them from using at least one hand upon the handlebars.

**Motorized Bicycles** (CVC 21207.5) Motorized bicycles may not be used on trails, bike path, or lanes.

**Obstruction of Pedestrians** (CVC 21210) Bicyclists may not leave bicycles on their sides on the sidewalk or park bicycles in a manner which obstructs pedestrians.

**Bikeway Obstruction** (CVC 22111) No person shall place or park a bicycle or vehicle so as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of any bicyclist on a bikeway or bicycle path or trail...

**Helmets** (CVC 21212) Bicyclists and passengers under age 18 must wear an ANSI or Snell approved helmet when a passenger or riding upon a bicycle.

**Car Doors** (CVC 22517) No person shall open the door of a vehicle on the side available to moving traffic unless it is reasonably safe to do so and can be done without interfering with the movement of such traffic . . .

**Head Phones** (CVC 27400) Bicyclists may not wear earplugs in both ears or a headset covering both ears (except hearing aids).

**Device** (CVC 231) bicycle: "device upon which any person may ride. propelled exclusively by human power through a belt, chain, or gears and having one or more wheels.

**Mandatory Exchange of Information** (CVC 16025) (a) Every driver involved in the accident shall, unless rendered incapable, exchange with any other driver or property owner involved in the accident and present at the scene, all of the following information: (1) Driver's name and current residence address, driver's license number, vehicle identification number, and current residence address of registered owner, (2) Evidence of financial responsibility (name and address of, the insurance company and the number of the insurance policy). Punishable by \$250 fine.

#### City of Los Angeles Code References Applicable to Bicycles:

**Bicycle Defined** (LAMC 26.01a) "device upon which a person may ride which is propelled in whole or in part by human power through a system of belts, chains, or gears and which has either two or three wheels..."

**Bicycle Licenses Required** (LAMC 26.01) Ordinance repealed on June 2, 2009. Bicycle licenses are no longer required in the City of Los Angeles.

**Sidewalk Riding** (LAMC 56.15) Prohibits the riding of bicycles (or other human power devices) on sidewalks (bikeways or boardwalks) with a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. Disallows the riding of bicycles on Ocean Front Walk in Venice.

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