



The Law of Common Sense

VISIBLE **I**N THE MOMENT **P**REDICTABLE

VISIBLE

- Wear a bright colored helmet or paint it with bright paint. Avoid wearing dark clothing when riding in the dark.
- Use lights, and if possible turn them on at all times. A flashing light sends a queue to a driver's brain that there's a cyclist near them and chances are he or she will have enough time to react.
- Position yourself on a safe place on the road. Take the entire lane when necessary.

IN THE MOMENT:

- Look around you at all times. Learn to scan on both sides.
- Use common sense. Determine whether taking the lane is the safe thing to do. Sometimes the sidewalk or a different route is your best and safest choice.

PREDICTABLE

- By following the rules of the road you are helping make yourself predictable to those around you. Following the Cyclist VIP increases your level of predictability.
- Observe the road, drivers, and weather conditions. Remember, the morning or afternoon sun can blind you as well as drivers.
- Most crashes can be avoided if we ride our bikes defensively. Anticipate drivers' next move, especially in driveways and intersection crossings (while on the road or sidewalk).

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