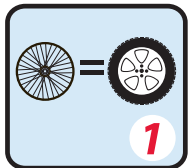


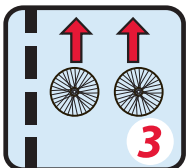
# Colorado Cyclists' Bill of Rights



A cyclist has the same rights as a vehicle.  
C.R.S.A. § 42-4-1412



A cyclist is not expected to ride over hazards or without a "reasonable safety margin" on the side of the road.  
C.R.S.A. § 42-4-1412



Cyclists may ride two abreast so long as they do not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic.  
C.R.S.A. § 42-4-1412



A motorist overtaking a cyclist shall allow at least 3 feet between the right side of the vehicle and the left side of the cyclist.  
C.R.S.A. § 42-4-1003



A cyclist should not ride on sidewalks where it is prohibited to do so by local ordinance.  
C.R.S.A. § 42-4-1412



A cyclist riding or walking their bike through a crosswalk has all the rights given to pedestrians.  
C.R.S.A. § 42-4-1412

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License Plate Number

Vehicle Description

Driver Description

Date and Time of Accident

Intersection Where Accident Occurred

Witness Names/Descriptions

Were the Police Called?

Officer's Name and Badge #

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If you're injured in an accident, contact **Megan Hottman**, an attorney who specializes in cycling litigation, for a free consultation and assistance with your questions and concerns.

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**IMPORTANT:** If you have a cell phone with you, take photos of the car, the driver, the bike, the scene, and anything else that might be valuable to remember!

**CSP aggressive driver hotline  
call \*277**

**Jefferson County Colorado  
Sheriff's Office: 303-277-0211**

**Emergencies dial 911**

# In Colorado

## Cyclists May Take the Lane:



1. If the lane is too narrow to share (meaning the cyclist, the car, and 3 feet between them, can't fit)
2. If there is debris or glass on the shoulder or in the bike lane
3. To avoid being right-hooked by cars making right hand turns when the cyclist intends to proceed straight
4. To avoid the door zone of parked cars
5. Because riding on sidewalks is often illegal and usually unsafe (bikes are vehicles!)
6. To prepare for a left-hand turn, by moving over one lane at a time
7. To prevent being buzzed or side swiped (see #1)
8. To be more visible/to increase motorist awareness especially in congested/downtown areas
9. Because it is often the safest place to be/way to ride
10. To trigger lights or signals (by placing weight over the sensors)



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