

DID YOU KNOW?

IN 2018 - 11 pedestrians and 2 cyclists were killed in New Hampshire.

In 2016 - 5,987 pedestrians and 840 cyclists were killed in traffic crashes in the United States. Most fatalities occurred in urban areas (76%) at "non-intersections" between 6 and 9 PM.

Bicycles are vehicles. In NH, cyclists have the same rights and duties as drivers of motor vehicles. (RSA 265:143)

Motorists must yield to cyclists when turning, merging into bicycle lanes, and opening doors. (RSA 265:96)

Every Driver of a vehicle, when approaching a cyclist, **shall** ensure the safety and protection of the cyclist and **shall** exercise due care by leaving a reasonable and prudent distance between the vehicle and the bicycle. The distance shall be presumed to be reasonable and prudent if it is at least 3 feet when the vehicle is traveling at 30 mph or less, with one additional foot of clearance required for every 10 mph over 30 mph. (RSA 265:143-a)

Equal Respect. Equal Responsibility refers to pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. It is everyone's responsibility to travel safely.

SAFETY TIPS

Look ahead for road hazards. Maneuver safely to the left, as traffic permits, if you see one. **Check** steering, brakes, tires, chains and cables before every ride. **After** dark, use a white front headlight and a red rear light or rear reflector visible from 300 feet.



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Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety

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Driver Responsibility



Expect bicycles to use designated turn lanes and to move away from the right edge of the road to avoid hazards. (RSA 265:144-XI-(d))

Before turning right, slow down and merge behind a cyclist.

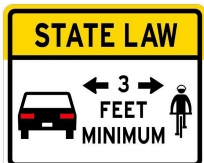
When turning left, **yield** to oncoming cyclists or any other vehicles. (RSA 265:29)

A stop sign means you **must stop** and wait until no traffic, whether a bicycle or car, is close enough to be a danger. (RSA 265:30-I)

A yield sign means you **must** wait for traffic, cyclists included. (RSA 265:31) This may require you to stop.

Signal well in advance of turns (at least 100 feet), so that cyclists and other vehicles know your intentions. (RSA 265:45-II)

Every driver of a vehicle **shall** exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian or any person propelling a human-powered vehicle. (RSA 265:37)



Pedestrian Responsibility

Shall obey traffic signs, unless directed otherwise by a police officer. (RSA 265:34)

Shall be subject to traffic and pedestrian control signals. (RSA 265.9 & 265.34)

Pedestrians crossing a roadway outside of a crosswalk or other designated pedestrian crossing **shall** yield the right of way to all vehicles. (RSA 256.36 I & II)

No pedestrian shall cross a roadway intersection diagonally unless authorized by traffic control devices; **No** pedestrian shall cross at any place other than a marked crosswalk between adjacent intersections where traffic control signals are in operation. (RSA 265;36 III & IV)

Pedestrians **shall** use the right side of crosswalks. (RSA 265:38)

Pedestrians **cannot** walk along the road **if** there is a sidewalk provided. (RSA 265:39-I-III)

Pedestrians **can** hitchhike only if not standing on a paved portion of roadway. (RSA 265:40)

Motorists & Cyclists **must** stop for pedestrians IN all crosswalks. **DON'T PASS VEHICLES STOPPED AT A CROSSWALK.** (RSA 265:35-1&IV)

FOR COMPLETE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED (RSA) Chapter 265 "Rules of the Road", visit:

<https://gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/NHTOC/NHTOC-XXI-265.htm>

Cyclist Responsibility

Yield the right of way to approaching traffic before entering the roadway. (RSA 265:32) **Stop** at all stop signs. (RSA 265:30-I)

Don't cross the stop line when the traffic signal is red. (RSA 265:10-III a&d)

Take left turn from the outermost left turn lane **when** multiple left turn lanes are available. (RSA 265:42-II)

Do not operate on sidewalks (RSA 265:26-a), or ride the wrong way on one-way streets. (RSA 265:23-II)

Cyclists **must** wear at least one item of reflective apparel from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise. (RSA 265:144-XII)

Helmets are required <16 years of age. (RSA 265:144-X) Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic. (RSA 265:16-II) Riding against traffic **is** illegal.

Cyclists traveling upon a way at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction shall remain as far to the right as practicable except when:

- ❖ **Overtaking** or passing another bicycle or vehicle moving in the same direction;
- ❖ **Preparing** to make a left-hand turn;
- ❖ **Proceeding** straight through an intersection where right-hand turns are allowed;
- ❖ **Necessary** to avoid hazardous conditions like broken pavement, glass, debris, sand, ice, the opening of doors of parked vehicles;
- ❖ **Necessary** to avoid fixed or moving objects like vehicles, other bicycles, pedestrians, or animals. (RSA 265:144-XI)