

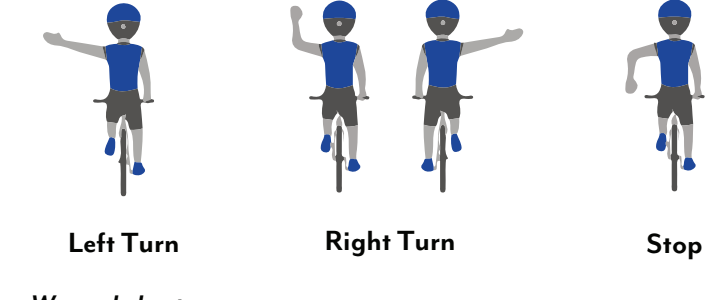
Safety tips

Bike in the same direction as traffic
Not only is it the law but it's safer. (When walking or running in the street, moving toward traffic is safer.)

Obey all signs and traffic lights
People on bicycles, like other vehicle operators, must follow all traffic rules. Stop for red lights. Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. Obey one-way signs.

Be predictable
Travel in a straight line. Bike on the right side (except when preparing to turn left or when using a one-way street) but leave enough room to avoid potholes, grates and other hazardous conditions.

Use hand signals when biking
Point in the direction of your turn to communicate your intention to motorists.



Wear a helmet
You only have one brain. Helmets are required by New Jersey law for cyclists under 17.

Be seen
Follow the law and have both a front and rear light on your bike. Use them at night or when lighting is poor, and consider using them in daylight too. Wear retroreflective clothing, whether biking or walking.

Be heard
State law requires a bell or other audible device on your bike.

Bike slowly on trails and sidewalks
Pedestrians have the right of way on trails, sidewalks and shared paths. Ring a bell or call out before you pass on a bike. If you're biking on a sidewalk, slow down! Dismount and walk if necessary.

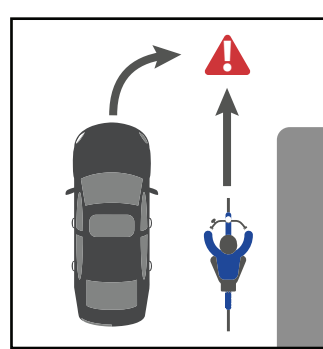
Just bike
Listening to headphones, texting or talking on your cellphone while biking reduces your awareness of road conditions. Carry supplies and other items in a pack; don't hold onto a bag.

Maintain your bike
A bike with working brakes, properly inflated tires and a lubricated chain will be easier to handle and will respond better to changing conditions. Learn the ABC Quick Check:

- A Air:** Check the air pressure, spin the wheels and make sure the tires are not worn out. Squeeze the tires. They should feel rock hard. If possible, use a pump with a gauge to inflate the tires to their recommended pressure, which is usually written on the side of the tire.
- B Brakes:** Check to make sure coaster brakes will stop the bike by spinning the back wheel and applying the brake. If the bike has hand brakes check to see that the levers don't hit the handlebars when squeezed. Lift one tire up at a time and spin it; squeeze the levers to see if the tire stops. The brake pads should be clean, straight and contact the rims properly.
- C Cranks, Chains, and Cogs:** Grab the crank arms and try to wiggle side to side. There should be no movement. Spin the pedals and cranks to see if the chain drives the rear wheel. The chain should look like metal not rust or black gunk. If the bike has gears check to make sure the gear levers and derailleurs (gear-changing mechanism) work to shift the chain between gears.

New Jersey's safe-passing law
Drivers must allow at least 4 feet of space when passing vulnerable road users or must slow down to 25 mph and be prepared to stop until they can pass safely.

Use caution when passing
Motorists may not see you on their right, so stay out of the driver's "blind spot." Be very careful when overtaking cars while in a bike lane; drivers don't always signal when turning. Some other smart things to be alert for: car doors opening and cars pulling out from side streets or driveways.



Bicycle Lockers

There are 86 bicycle lockers available for long-term rental at the Princeton Junction train station. Contact Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association: 609-452-1491.

Bicycling

- Paved shared-use path
- On-road bicycle lane
- Bike-compatible shoulder (Lawrence Township only)
- Unpaved trail, suitable for biking
- Unpaved trail, not suitable for most bike types

Regional Trails

- Johnson Trolley Trail
- ◇ D&R Canal Towpath
- ◇ Lawrence Hopewell Trail (LHT)
 - ◇ Low-stress on-road connection - Suitable for most
 - ◇ High-stress on-road connection - Unsuitable for most
 - ◇ Future off-road LHT segment
 - Temporarily suspended segment - See <https://lhtrail.org> for updates and detours

Street type

- Local road
- County road
- Major arterial
- Interstate or Freeway (No pedestrians or bicyclists)

Land use

- Commercial
- Office
- Open space
- School property
- Lawrence Twp boundary

Destinations and more

- Signalized intersection
- Rail station
- Police station
- Library
- Food location
- Farmers market
- Parking
- Bathroom
- School building
- Playground
- Bike repair station
- Other point of interest

