

## What is a Bicycle Lane?

- A bicycle lane is an exclusive lane on the right side of the road designed especially for bikes.



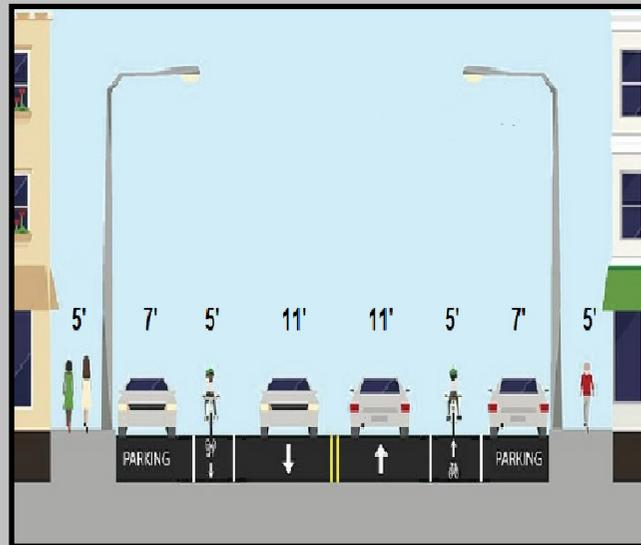
- Bike lanes are designated with bicycle pavement markings and arrows that direct cyclists in the direction to travel.



## Why are Bike Lanes being Installed?

Bike lanes are being installed on some roads in Connecticut to provide multiple benefits:

- Improvement of safety for cyclists.
- To help establish order in the roadway by providing a designated place for bicyclists and motorists and enhancing safety for everyone.
- This effort will help communities implement aspects of the Connecticut General Statutes § 14-232 Law.
- Further the development of Complete Streets as promoted by Connecticut State Law and OSTA Policy.
- Improve travel behavior and predictability on multilane roadways.

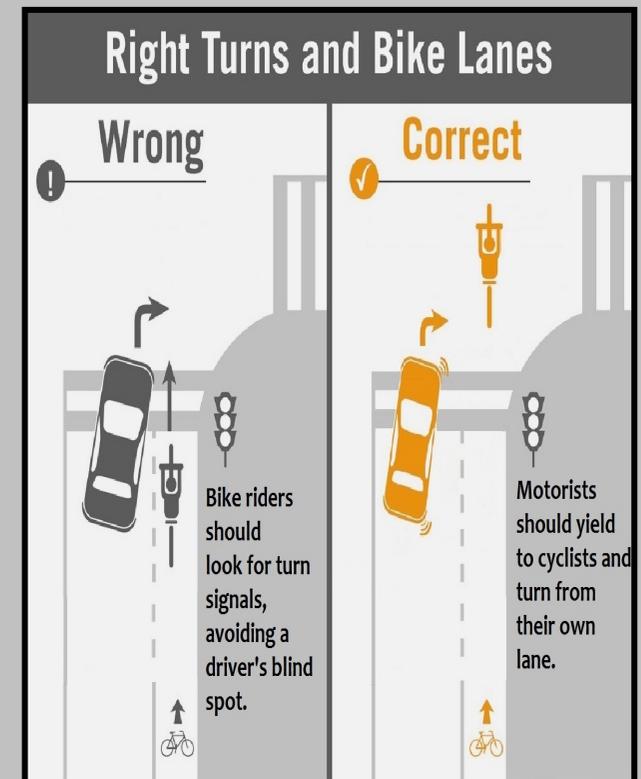


## CT General Statutes § 14-232

A "safe distance" means not less than three (3) feet when the driver of a vehicle overtakes and passes a person riding a bicycle.

These laws seek to ensure that when passing bicycles, vehicles allow adequate space to avoid sideswiping bicyclists or causing them to overcorrect to avoid a vehicle.

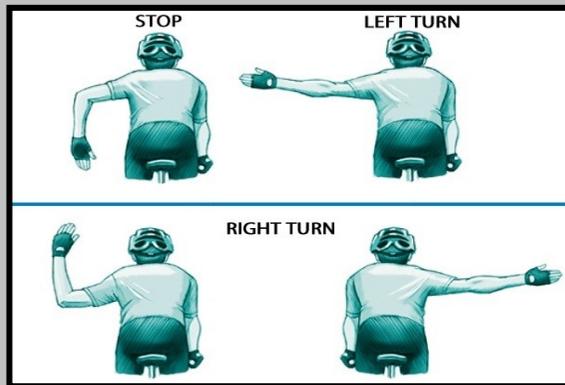
When turning right, a motorist should **always** yield to bicyclists going straight and wait until after they clear the intersection or driveway.



## CT General Statutes § 14-286c

(a) **Left Turn:** Each person riding a bike intending to make a **left** turn must approach as far right of that travel lane as he or she judges to be safest, proceed across the intersecting roadway, and make such a turn as close as possible to the curb on the far side of the intersection.

(b) **Signaling:** Each person riding on the road must motion **before** turning, by extending the corresponding arm straight out in the direction he or she is turning. For right turns, one can hold up his or her left hand with the elbow at a 90 degree angle, as seen in the image below.



(c) **Signaling Requirements:** No person riding a bike who is intending to make a right or left turn shall be required to make such signal continuously.

## How Should Motorists and Bicyclists Operate When on a Roadway with a Bicycle Lane?

- A person riding a bike on the road has all of the rights and duties applicable to the driver of a car.
- Bicyclists are reminded to use hand signals to inform motorists of their intentions.
- A person shall not operate a vehicle on or across a bicycle lane, except to enter or leave adjacent property.
- Bicyclists are reminded to follow the rules of the road, ride with traffic, and obey all traffic control devices, including signals and stop signs.
- Motorists should drive carefully around a cyclist because the slightest mistake by the driver or the bicyclist can result in injury or death.

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