



TAKE THE PLEDGE

**to share Michigan roads
to be a safer bicyclist
to be a safer driver**

As a Michigan driver and/or bicyclist, I recognize my personal responsibility to ensure our roadways are safe and comfortable for all users. I hereby make a personal commitment to share the road and to be courteous to other roadway users by abiding by the following.



As a DRIVER, I pledge to:

- Recognize that bicyclists have the right to ride on the roads
- Leave at least 5 feet between a cyclist and my side mirror when passing and to only return to the lane when I can clearly see the cyclist in my rearview mirror
- Use signals to indicate my turns
- Yield to bicyclists (on both sides of road) who have the right-of-way before turning at intersections and into driveways
- Never “hook” a bicyclist by overtaking them and then immediately turning in front of them
- Recognize that the risk to bicyclists increases exponentially as my speed increases
- Never drive distracted, especially texting while driving
- Recognize that bicyclists may move away from the curb and use the full travel lane in order to avoid hazards or to prepare for turns
- Understand that bicyclists are not required to use sidepaths or other off road facilities, even when these amenities are present, and that riding on sidewalks is extremely dangerous



As a BICYCLIST, I pledge to:

- 🚲 Model exemplary bicycling behavior by obeying all laws and traffic control devices that apply to bicyclists
- 🚲 Ride predictably in the same direction as traffic and do not swerve in the road or between parked cars
- 🚲 Use hand signals to indicate my turns
- 🚲 Ride in the furthest right lane that travels in the direction I’m going (except when making left turns or on one-way roads where bicyclists can ride on the left side of the road)
- 🚲 Be assertive and assume that drivers do not see me
- 🚲 Recognize that I have a right to move away from the curb to prevent getting “squeezed” and to avoid debris, hazards including car doors, or to prepare for turns
- 🚲 Equip my bike with front and rear lights and wear brightly colored reflective clothing when riding in poor visibility
- 🚲 Recognize that sidewalks are one of the most dangerous places to ride
- 🚲 Never ride more than two abreast and single up to let others pass when it is safe to do so



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