“Share the Road” Lesson Plan for Driver Education Classrooms

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“Share The Road” Lesson Plan: Why??

- More bicyclists (recreation and transportation)
- Usually little or no training for cyclists, motorists on safe interactions on the roads
- Leads to bad behaviors, mistakes, fear, anger/road rage, decreased safety

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Objectives

- To encourage drivers to share the road with bicyclists.
- To improve new drivers’ understanding of bicyclists’ actions and legal status on the road.
- To reduce car/bicyclist fatalities and injuries through bicycle awareness training for new drivers

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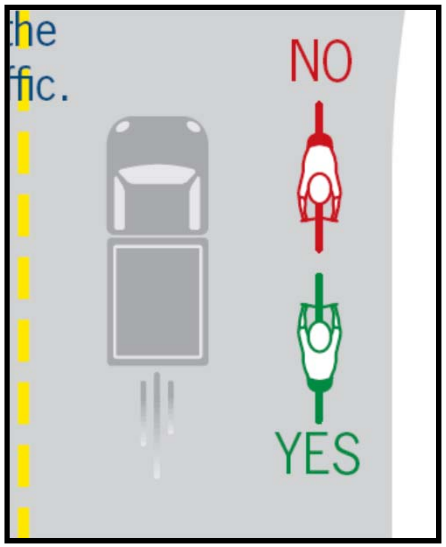

Bicyclists riding with traffic are more visible to drivers, particularly at intersections – where most crashes occur.

AND, it's the law!

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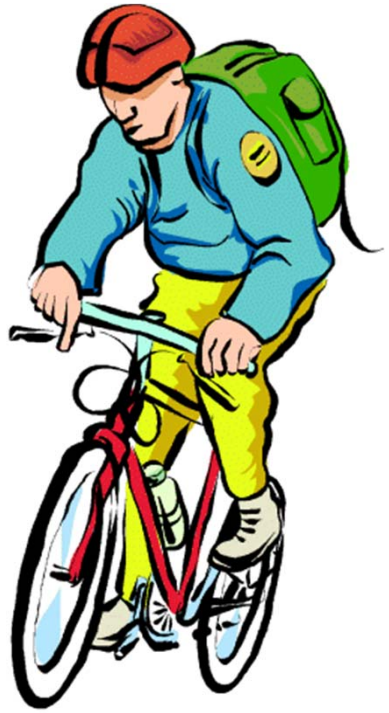

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These can distract a bicyclist and may cause him to veer into the path of a vehicle, causing a collision.

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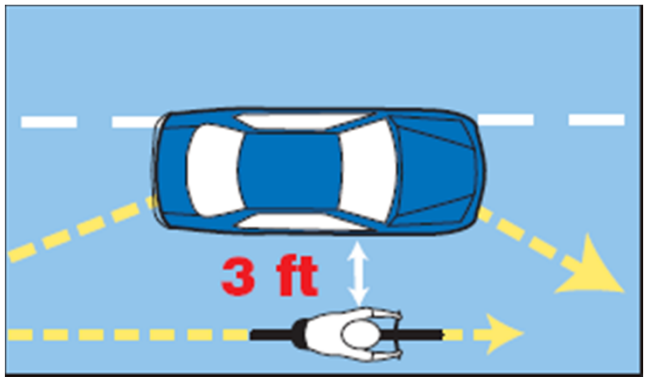
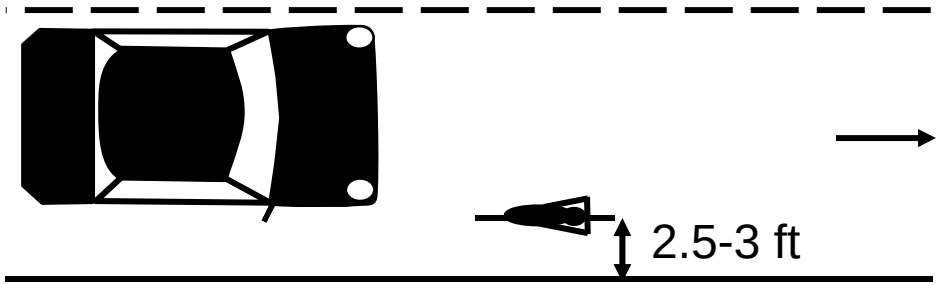


This is Illinois law. Less than three feet, the driver and cyclist have less space for safe maneuvering. More is better.

Lane Sharing

Not wide enough to share



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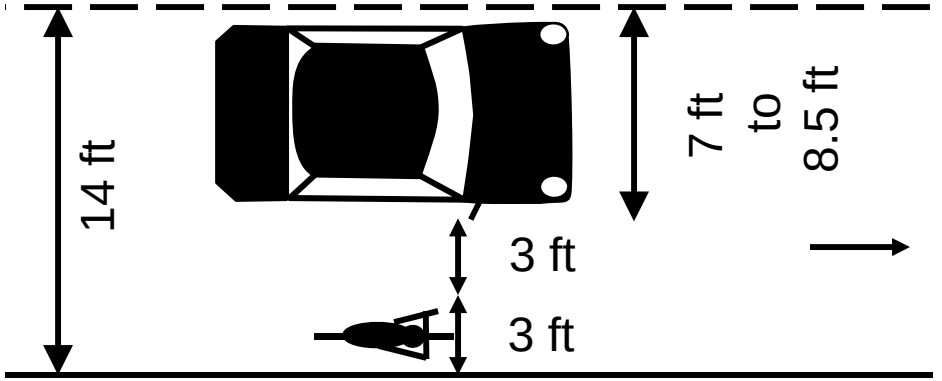

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State law says that bicyclists should ride as close to the right side of the road as practical, with some common sense exceptions.

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Illinois Law § 625 ILCS 5/11-1502:

Every person riding a bicycle upon a highway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle ...

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Streets are usually needed to bike to where cyclists are going, such as school, work, errands, other destinations. Also...

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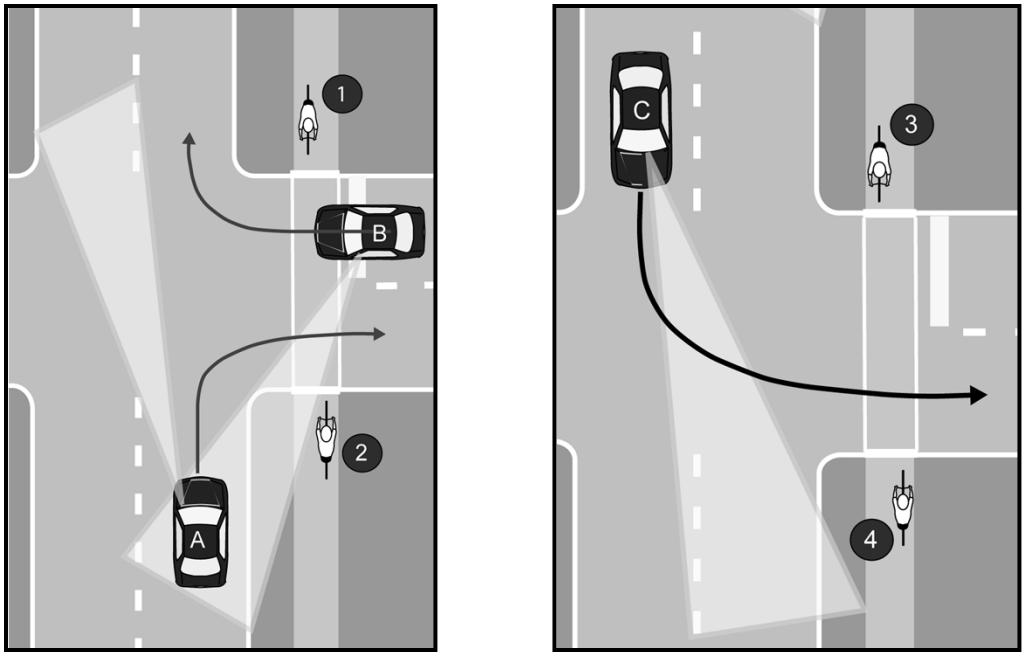

...To be seen better by turning motorists,
by being where motorists naturally are looking

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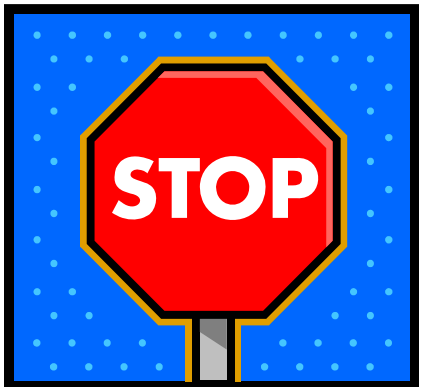

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Before safely proceeding into an intersection from a stop sign, a driver must be alert to all traffic. Stop at stop lines!

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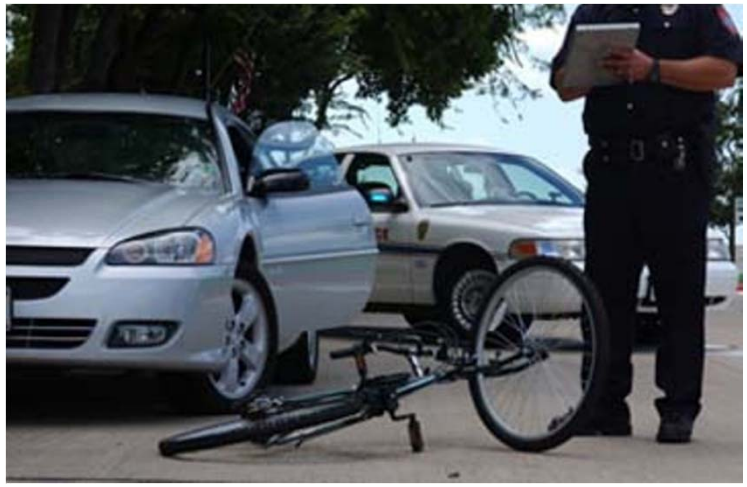

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Driving requires being alert for others' actions and mistakes at all times, not just at intersections.

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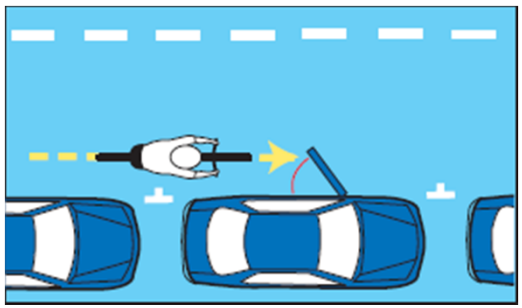

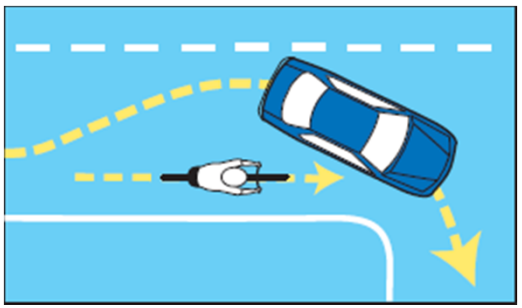

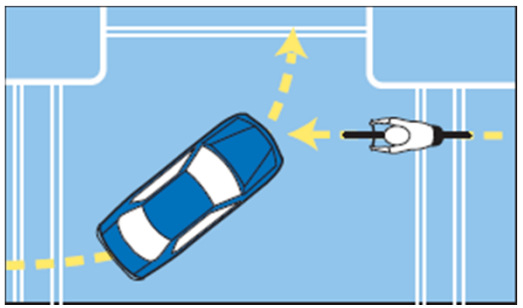

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On narrow roads, drivers may have to be patient and wait awhile to pass, instead of risking a dangerous collision.

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Drivers and bicyclists share the road equally. Both should take turns according to standard right-of-way rules.