

# Utah State Codes Relevant to Avid Cyclists

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Laws that are commonly known by avid cyclists were omitted.

Visit <http://le.utah.gov/> (primarily Title 41 Ch. 6a) for complete and up-to-date laws about bicycles in Utah.

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**41-6a-1102. Bicycle ...subject to chapter -- Exception.** (1) Except as provided under Subsection (2) ...a person operating a bicycle... has all the rights and is subject to the provisions of this chapter applicable to the operator of any other vehicle. (2) A person operating a ... bicycle ...is not subject to the penalties related to operator licenses under alcohol and drug-related traffic offenses.

**41-6a-1105. Operation of bicycle ...on and use of roadway -- Duties, prohibitions.** (1) A person operating a bicycle ... on a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic ...shall ride as near as practicable to the right-hand edge of the roadway **except** when: (a) overtaking and passing ... (b) preparing to make a left turn ... (c) traveling straight through an intersection ... or (d) reasonably necessary **to avoid conditions that make it unsafe ... including:** (i) fixed or moving objects; (ii) parked or moving vehicles; (iii) bicycles; (iv) pedestrians; (v) animals; (vi) surface hazards; or (vii) a lane **that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side** within the lane. (3) (a) A person riding a bicycle ... on a roadway may not ride more than two abreast with another person except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. (b) ...a person riding two abreast with another person may not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and shall ride within a single lane. {otherwise, you must ride single file} (4) If a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, a bicycle rider may be directed by a traffic-control device to use the path and not the roadway.

**41-6a-706.5. Operation of motor vehicle near bicycle prohibited.** **An operator of a motor vehicle may not** knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly operate a motor vehicle within three feet of a moving bicycle, unless the operator of the motor vehicle operates the motor vehicle **within a reasonable and safe distance of the bicycle.**

**41-6a-1108. Bicycles and mopeds -- Turns -- Designated lanes.** ... (2) (a) A person riding a bicycle ... intending to turn left shall approach the turn as close as practicable to the right curb or edge of the roadway. (b) After proceeding across the intersecting roadway, to the far corner of the curb or intersection of the roadway edges, the bicyclist or moped operator shall stop, as far out of the way of traffic as practical. (c) After stopping, the bicyclist or moped operator shall yield to any traffic proceeding in either direction along the roadway he had been using. (d) After yielding and complying with any traffic-control device or peace officer regulating traffic, the bicyclist or moped operator may proceed in the new direction...

**41-6a-1109. Bicycles and mopeds -- Turn signals -- Exceptions.** ... (2) ... not required to signal by hand and arm continuously if the hand is needed in the control or operation of the bicycle... (3) A person operating a bicycle ... who is stopped in a lane designated for turning traffic only is not required to signal prior to making the turning movement.

**41-6a-804. Turning or changing lanes -- Safety -- Signals -- Stopping or sudden decrease in speed -- Signal flashing -- Where prohibited.** (1) (a) A person may not turn a vehicle ... until: ... an appropriate signal has been given ... continuously for at least the last two seconds preceding the beginning of the movement. (2) ... may not stop or suddenly decrease the speed ... without first giving an appropriate signal ... (3) (a) A stop or turn signal ... shall be given ... by the hand ... or by signal lamps.

**41-6a-1114. Bicycles -- Lamps and reflective material required.** (1) Every bicycle in use at the times described in Section [41-6a-1603](#) {“ from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise”} shall be equipped with a: (a) lamp ... on the front emitting a white light ... and (b) (i) red reflector ... to the rear ... **OR** (ii) red taillight ... emitting flashing or nonflashing light v... (2) Every bicycle when in use at the times described in Section [41-6a-1603](#) shall be equipped with: (a) reflective material ... to be visible from both sides ... **OR** ... a lighted lamp visible from both sides ... *{This means a white light in the front, a red light or red reflector in the back, and reflectors or lights visible from the sides. The rear light may be flashing.}*

**41-6a-1112. Bicycles and mopeds -- Carrying bundle -- One hand on handlebars.** (1) A person operating a bicycle may not carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the use of both hands... (2) A person operating a bicycle ... shall keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.

**41-6a-1702. Sidewalk -- Driving prohibited -- Exception.** (1) Except for a bicycle ... a person may not operate a vehicle on a sidewalk...

**41-6a-1106. Bicycles ... -- Rights and duties same as pedestrians...** a person operating a bicycle across a roadway on a crosswalk, has all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances.

**41-6a-1107. Bicycles -- Parking on sidewalk, roadway -- Prohibitions.** (1) A person may park a bicycle on a sidewalk unless prohibited ... (3) A bicycle may be parked on the roadway at any location where parking is allowed...

**10-8-69. Annoying pastimes in streets.** They may prohibit or regulate the ... riding of bicycles ... or practices having a tendency to annoy persons passing in the streets or on sidewalks, ... or to interfere with traffic.

## Provo City Codes Pertaining to Bicycles

Reference: <http://www.provo.org/council.citycode.html>

**9.32.010. Bicycle License Required...**

**9.32.020. Riding a Bicycle, Skateboard or Roller Skates on the Sidewalk.** (1) No person shall ride a bicycle, ... upon a sidewalk contiguous to University Avenue between 400 North Street and 100 South Street, and on a sidewalk contiguous to Center Street between 100 East Street and 500 West Street. ... (3) Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian. (Am 1987-58)

**9.32.110. Clinging to Vehicles.** No person riding upon any bicycle, ... shall hold or attach ... to any ... vehicle...

**9.32.170. Riding Skateboards, Roller Skates or Bicycles.** (1) It shall be unlawful to ride ... on a public street or sidewalk after dark unless the user is equipped with reflective material ... **OR** in lieu of reflective material, with a lighted lamp ... (2) It shall be unlawful to ride or use a bicycle... or similar device on the sidewalks, steps, or ramps adjacent to the Provo City Library...