

Tampa Personal Injury Attorney Shares Bicycle Safety Tips

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Florida is one of the leading states in the nation for bicycle accident related injuries. According to the Florida Department of Safety & Motor Vehicles, there were 4,925 bicycle accidents in Florida during 2011, with 4,600 injuries and 76 deaths reported. A [Tampa personal injury attorney](#) shares these bicycle safety tips:

Always assume a driver cannot see you. The most common bicycle accidents occur from cars that are pulling out of a side street or driveway. Equip your bike with a headlight and horn and use them when approaching busy side streets. You should also invest in a rear flashing red light to warn those behind you that a bicycle is on the road.

Be careful in crosswalks. Drivers making a turn across a crosswalk often do not expect to encounter a bicyclist, so use extreme caution when using a crosswalk.

Watch for opening doors. Bicyclists are sometimes thrown to the ground when a driver unexpectedly opens their door. Watch for people in parked vehicles and use caution when approaching.

Red light dangers. If you are sitting to the right of a car at a red light, the driver may not see you, and could turn into you when the light turns green. Do not pass a car on the right and to increase your visibility, sit in the middle of the lane, in front of cars waiting at the light.

Riding against traffic. You should always ride with traffic and yield the right-of-way to cars when you enter traffic. If you ride against traffic, drivers may be caught unaware, especially when they are turning right.

Never pass on the right. Never pass a car or another bike on the right, since many accidents occur from cars turning right.



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