

HOW TO PASS PEOPLE ON BICYCLES SAFELY



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When passing a rider, give them extra space. It's called **Fall Distance**, and it's required by law* in Oregon on any road 35 MPH or higher.

But whenever possible, follow this standard for safety.

*Oregon Safe Passing law, ORS 811.065

MORE TIPS TO HELP KEEP RIDERS SAFE



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Slow down when you approach a person on a bicycle.

**NO
HONKING
AT RIDERS,
PLEASE!**

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Patiently wait until it is safe to pass, and the next or oncoming lane is clear.

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Pass only on the left, unless the rider is to your left, or is making a left turn.

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You may enter the oncoming lane when it is safe and legal to do so. Return to your lane as soon as it is safely possible.

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At speeds below 35 MPH, allow at least 3 feet to avoid contact with the rider. More is always better!

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Remember, people on bikes are allowed to take the whole lane when they need to.

Driving an RV or other large vehicle?

Displaced air may create wind gusts, which can adversely affect riders. Please slow down and give even more space.



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