Rights and Duties of BICYCLISTS (It’s the Law)

A bicycle is a device that is ridden and propelled by human power with two tandem wheels with at least one wheel being greater than 14 inches in diameter.

BICYCLISTS SHOULD USE ARM SIGNALS TO SIGNAL INTENT

Use Arm Signals from the left side.

Left-turn signal: Extend the left hand and arm horizontally

Right-turn signal: Extend the left hand and arm upward OR extend the right hand and arm horizontally

Decrease speed: Extend the left hand and arm downward

PASSING

• When being passed, move or remain to the right
• Do not accelerate (e.g., ride faster) until you have been passed
• Pass other vehicles on the left at a safe distance

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

• To operate on the roadway at night, your bicycle needs specific equipment including brakes, front white lamp, and approved rear reflector or rear red lamp

Bicyclists have the same rights and duties as a vehicle driver unless otherwise stated.
When moving slower than traffic, you should ride as close as possible to the right curb or edge of the roadway.

You may not stop, stand, or park on the roadway side of a vehicle that is stopped or parked.

You can stop, stand, or park a bicycle on a sidewalk if it does not impede other traffic.

When on a one-way roadway with two or more lanes, you may ride as near as possible to the left curb or edge of roadway.

Note: All the information on this factsheet is from the Texas Transportation Code: §542.201, §543.053, §545.065, §545.302, §551.101, §551.103, and §551.104.