



RULES OF THE ROAD

Our roads are changing and it's important to take the time to learn the rules of the road. Understanding new roadway features and refreshing your knowledge of existing laws is an important first step. In the coming months, we'll be reaching out to communities across the city to share information about new roadway features and rules of the road. Watch from more information coming soon!

OUR LAWS

What we all need to know...

Speed – In Seattle, the speed limit on residential streets is 25 mph and 30 mph on arterial streets, unless otherwise posted.

Intersections – Drivers are required to allow pedestrians and bicycles to cross the road within a marked or unmarked crosswalk.

If approaching an intersection with no stop sign or traffic light, in the absence of a pedestrian, the vehicle to the left must yield to the vehicle on the right.

Traffic Signals – Pedestrians, people on bikes, and people driving must obey traffic signals and traffic control devices unless otherwise directed by a traffic or police officer.

Cell Phones – It is against the law to text or use a hand-held cell phone when driving.

Bicycling on the Road – When riding on a roadway, a cyclist has all the rights and responsibilities of a vehicle driver. For night bicycle riding, a white front light (not a reflector) visible for 500 feet and a red rear reflector are required.

Sidewalks – Drivers and bicyclists must yield to pedestrians on sidewalks and in crosswalks.

SAFETY TIPS

If you're a pedestrian...



Look before you cross.
Drivers may not see you.



Look out for backing
vehicles, especially large
trucks that may not see you.



Don't take a risk. Walking
while intoxicated can be just
as dangerous as driving.

If you're going by bike...



If you're riding at night
use a light and wear
reflective clothing.



Wear a helmet at all times.
It's the law.



Make sure drivers see you
and be especially careful near
trucks and large vehicles.

If you're driving there...



Look out for pedestrians and
other road users.



Slow down and follow the
speed limit.



Yield to pedestrians
and people on bikes
when turning.