

Bicycle-related Quotes from the Missouri Driver Guide

- “On public streets and highways, [bicyclists] have the same rights and responsibilities as a motor vehicle operator.”
- “If you are following a bicyclist and need to make a right turn, you must yield to the cyclist. It is often safer to slow down and remain behind the cyclist until you are able to turn.”
- “Motorcyclists and bicyclists change speed and lane position when encountering bad road conditions, such as manhole covers, diagonal railroad tracks, road debris or in strong winds. Be ready to react.”
- “When you are passing, give motorcycles a full lane width. If possible, give a full lane to bicycles and mopeds, too. Do not squeeze past these road users. The bicycle is generally a slower moving vehicle and this may require you to slow down. Wait for a clear stretch of road before passing a cyclist in a lane too narrow to share.”
- “The law says who must yield the right-of-way; it does not give anyone the right-of-way. You must do everything you can to prevent striking a pedestrian or another vehicle, regardless of the circumstances.”
- **“Sharing the road with others, in a considerate manner, makes the road safer for everybody!”**

Source: Missouri Driver Guide, January 2003 Edition, Chapters 4 and 7

Summary of Missouri State Statutes Related to Bicycling

- In Missouri, bicycles and motorized bicycles may ride on any street except interstate highways or where prevented by a local law.
- Bicyclists have the same rules, rights and responsibilities as other drivers. For example, bicyclists must stop at stop signs, signal turns and drive on the right-hand side of the road. Anyone riding slower than the speed limit shall stay as far to the right-hand side as safe.
- If the lane is too narrow to safely share between a bicycle and a motor vehicle, the bicycle may move towards the center of the lane so as to discourage motor vehicles from dangerously squeezing past in the lane.
- Bicyclists may ride abreast when not impeding traffic.
- Anyone riding between sunset and sunrise must have a headlight on the front, a red reflector or tail light on the back, reflective material or a light on the moving parts of the bicyclist or bike and reflective material or lights on the sides of the bike.
- All bicycles must have brakes that work; No bicyclist may hold onto another vehicle.

Summary of Missouri State Statutes 300.347, 300.350, 307.183, 307.185, 307.188, 307.190 and 307.193