



Read The Road! Bicycle Sign and Signal Basics

Let's learn about common signs you may see when riding your bike.

The Rules of the Road

- When you ride a bike on the road, you are considered a vehicle.
- This means cyclists must follow the same road rules as cars.
- Cyclists need to obey stop signs, traffic lights, and road signs.
- Following the rules helps keep cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers safe.



Let's Learn Signs

In the next slides, we will look at some common road signs you might see when riding your bike, what they mean, and how to navigate them.

Road Sign #1

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- A) Slow
- B) Stop
- C) Yield
- D) Round-about



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Come to a complete stop before the crosswalk. If there is no crosswalk, stop before the curb. Look both ways and listen for traffic. Shoulder check, signal your turn, shoulder check again, and only turn when it is safe to do so.



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Road Sign #2:

What is this sign?

- A) Yield
- B) Slow traffic ahead
- C) No parking
- D) No turning



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A Yield sign means slow down and be ready to stop. Look for cars, cyclists, and pedestrians, and let them go first. Only continue riding when the road is clear and it is safe to go.



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Road Sign #3:

What is this sign?

- A) Yield
- B) Playground
- C) Crosswalk
- D) School Zone



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A School Zone sign means you are riding near a school where lots of children may be walking or biking. Slow down, stay alert, and watch for crossing guards and pedestrians. Always be ready to stop and follow directions to keep everyone safe.



Road Sign #4:

What is this sign?

- A) Ride slow
- B) No Bicycles allowed
- C) Bicycle Parking
- D) Bicycles Only



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This symbol shows a bike lane. The diamond and arrow point in the direction you should travel. Cyclists should ride in this lane and follow the arrow, staying alert for cars and pedestrians nearby.



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Road Sign #5:

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- A) No Bicycles
- B) No Motorcycles
- C) No Tricycles
- D) No Bike Path



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A No Cycling sign means bikes are not allowed in that area. Cyclists should get off their bike and walk it, or choose a different route. This helps keep everyone safe.



Road Sign #6:

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- B) Trail
- C) Cross Walk
- D) Running Path



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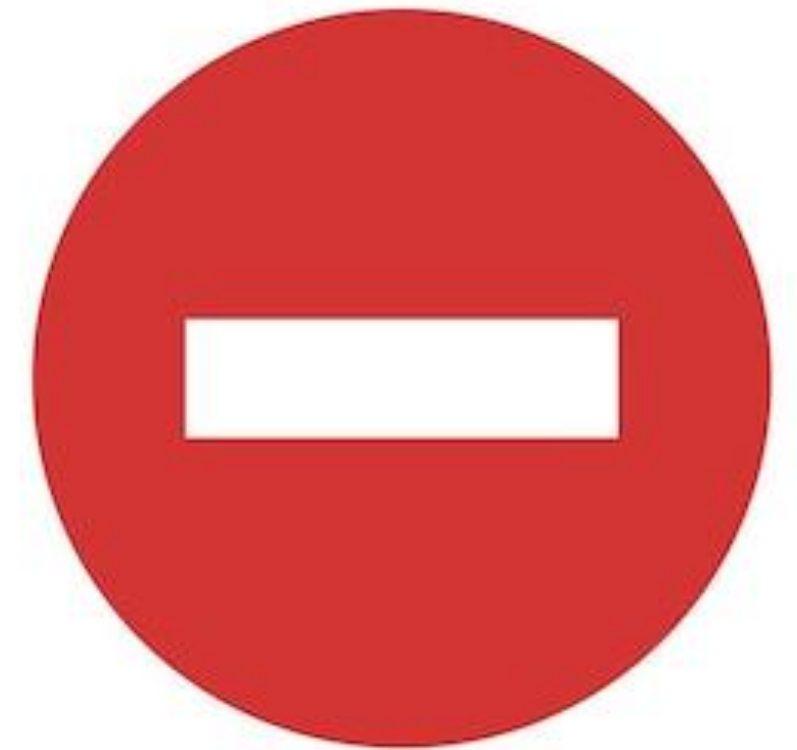
A Crosswalk sign shows where people safely cross the road. Cyclists should get off their bike and walk it across the road, watching for traffic and following crossing signals or crossing guards.



Road Sign #7:

What is this sign?

- A) No Bicycles
- B) Do Not Enter
- C) No Stop Sign
- D) No Bike Path

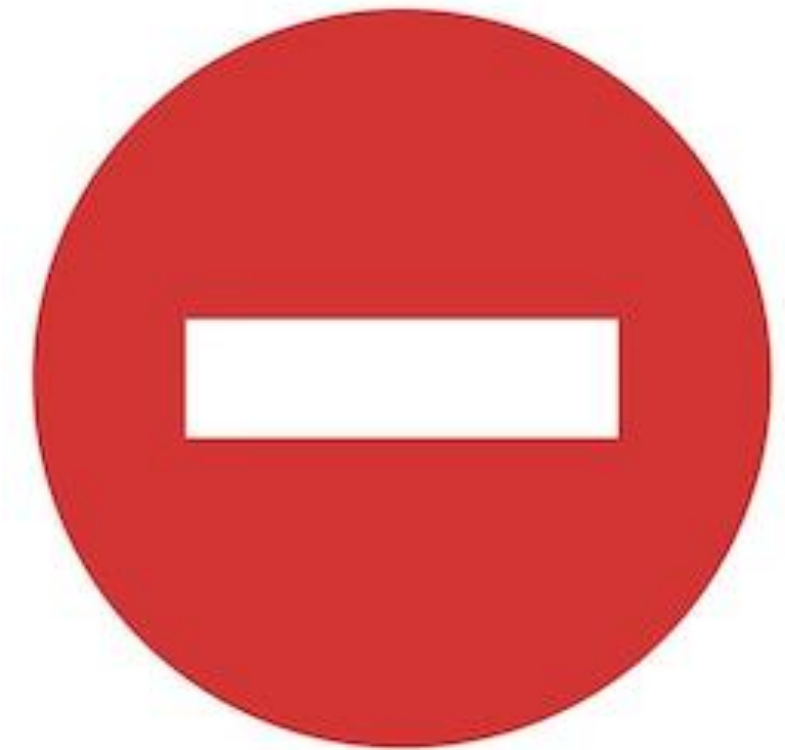


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What is this sign?

- A) No Bicycles
- B) Do Not Enter**
- C) No Stop Sign
- D) No Bike Path

A Do Not Enter sign means you are not allowed to ride or travel in that direction. Cyclists should stop, turn around, and choose a different route. This sign helps prevent crashes by keeping traffic moving safely.



Road Sign #8:

What is this sign on the road?

- A) Left Turn Only
- B) Left Turn OR Straight
- C) Right Turn Only
- D) Direction to nearest bike route



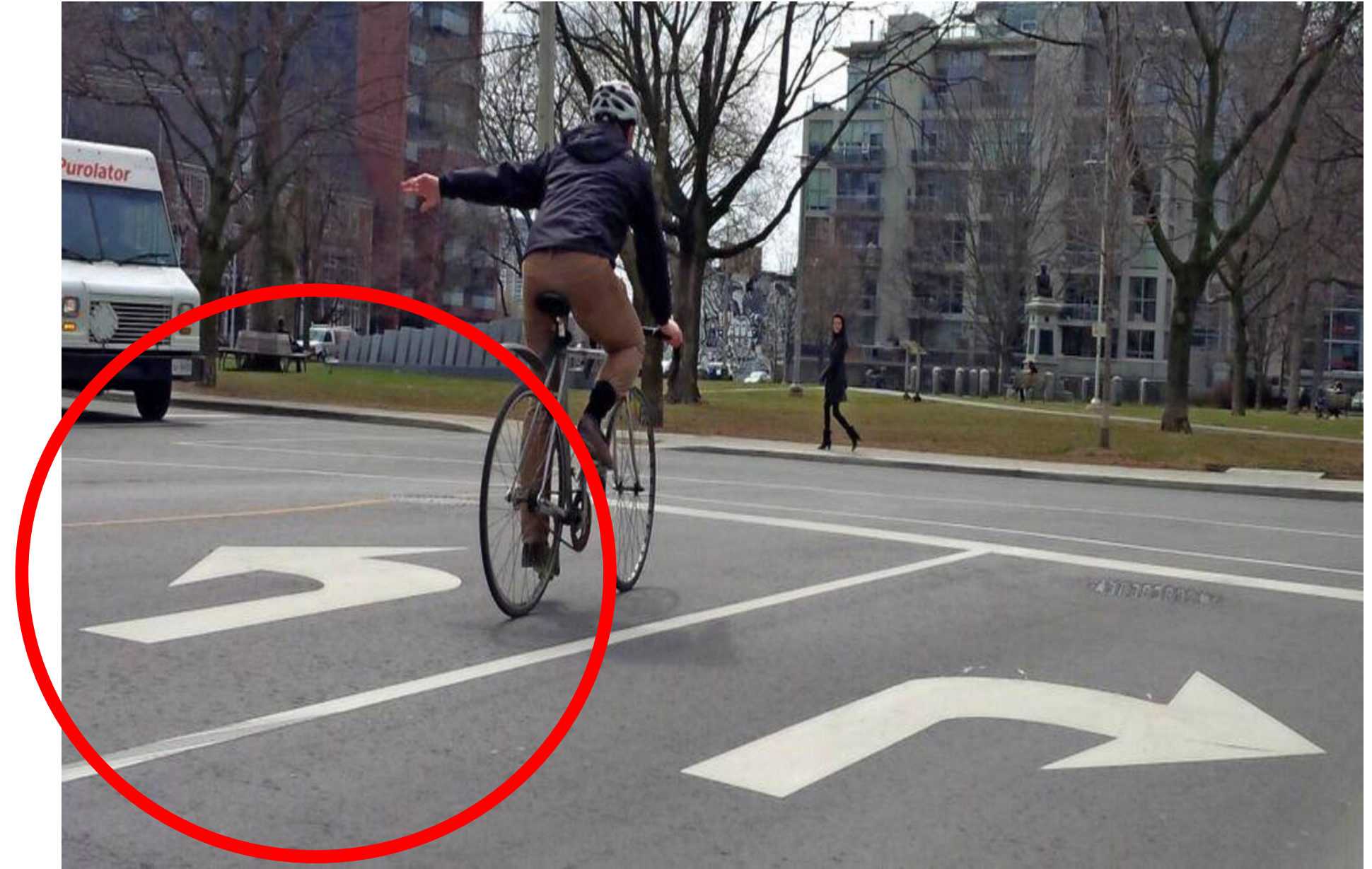
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What is this sign on the road?

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- B) Left Turn OR Straight
- C) Right Turn Only
- D) Direction to closest bike route

A left turn arrow painted on the road shows that traffic is expected to turn left. Cyclists should follow the arrow, check over their shoulder, signal a left turn, and only turn when it is safe to do so. The same goes for a right arrow or straight arrow.



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Road Sign #9:

What is this sign?

- A) Bike Path
- B) Vehicle and Bicycle Parking
- C) Share the Road
- D) Yield to Cyclists



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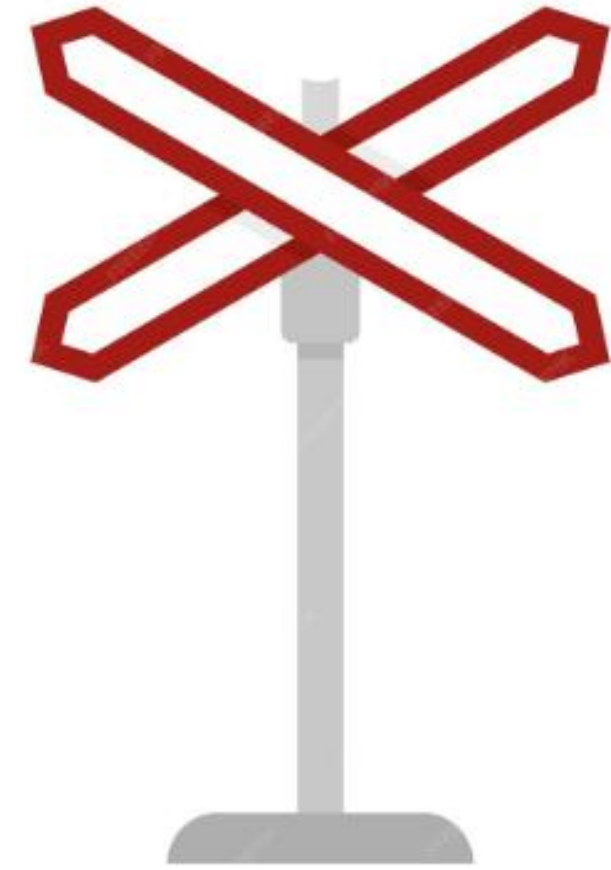
A Share the Road sign means cyclists and cars use the same road. Cyclists should ride predictably and stay alert, while watching for vehicles. Be sure to leave a 1-meter gap between you and the vehicles next to you



Road Sign #10:

What is this sign?

- A) Railroad Crossing
- B) No Entry
- C) Hidden Treasure
- D) No Road Ahead

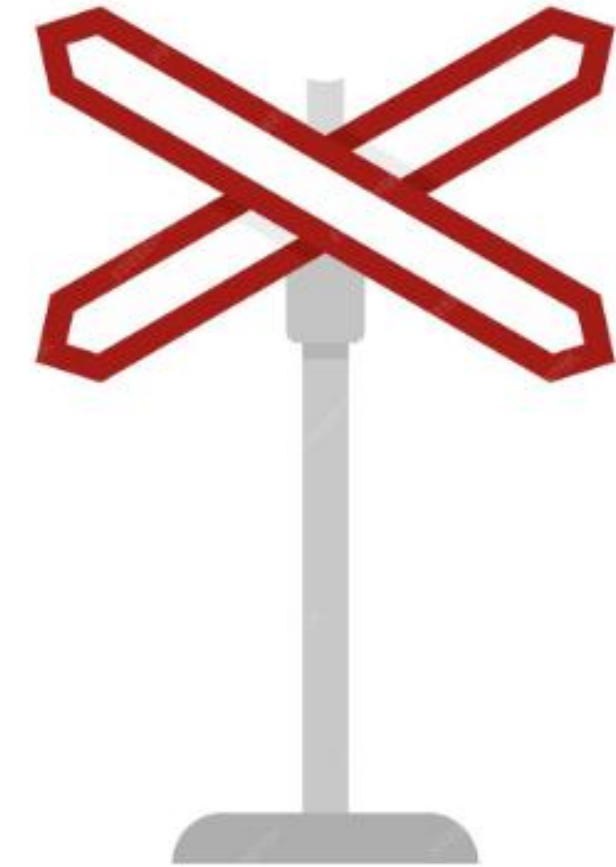


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A Railroad Crossing sign means train tracks are ahead. Cyclists should slow down, stop if needed, and look and listen for trains in both directions. Only cross the tracks when it is safe, and cross at a right angle to avoid slipping.



Signalling

Just like cars use turn signals to show where they're going, cyclists also use hand signals to let drivers know when they're about to turn.

Why signal?

- Tells drivers where you're going
- Prevents crashes



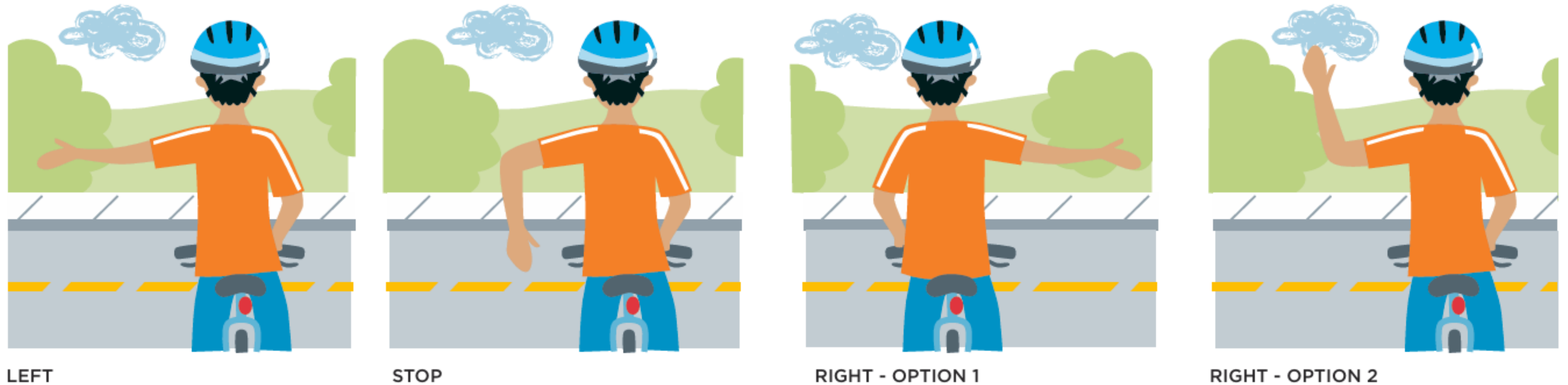
When to signal?

- Before turning
- Before changing lanes



How to Signal

Signal before you turn by using a clear hand and arm motion that drivers can easily see. Put your arm out a few seconds early and hold the signal long enough so cars have time to react.



Notice that there are two ways to signal a right turn! Choose the signal that is easiest for you.

Road Signal Question:

What is this cyclist signalling?

- A) Left Turn
- B) Stop
- C) Slowing Down
- D) Right Turn



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An arm straight out to the **right** signals a right turn. Be sure to signal well before you turn, and until you have fully completed the turn.



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Congratulations!

You have completed the Bike Sign and Signal Basic tutorial.

- Knowing and understanding road signs helps you travel more safely and confidently
- Clear signalling and awareness reduce confusion and lower the risk of accidents
- Following traffic rules is an important part of being a responsible road user

Thank You!

Have any Questions?

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