

## 6.4 Drivers and Bicycles

Riders of bicycles must obey the traffic rules and regulations that apply to all road users. Drivers must respect the bicyclist's right to share the road.

### Vehicle Drivers

Bicyclists are at greater risk of death or injury – use extreme caution.

- Check your blind spot when turning left and especially when turning right.
- Bicyclists can dart in and out of traffic quickly, expect the unexpected.
- Give the bicyclist room, do not tailgate or crowd the bicyclist.

### Bicyclists

You are at greater risk of death or injury in a collision.

- Let others know what you are going to do, use hand signals, and be in the correct lane position.
- Check your blind spots.
- Avoid busy streets.
- Stay off sidewalks.
- Safe bicycling requires knowledge, skill and maturity.
- Keep your bicycle in good working order and properly equipped (i.e. horn, lights and reflectors at night).

**It is mandatory to wear an approved helmet when riding your bicycle.**

## 6.5 Drivers and Pedestrians

### Vehicle Drivers

Remember that pedestrians are extremely vulnerable to death or injury in a collision with a motor vehicle.

- Drivers must give the pedestrian the right of way in a crosswalk, unless otherwise indicated by a sign or signal.
- Pedestrians may not act as you expect – expect the unexpected. Be alert.
- Persons with disabilities may take longer to cross the street – give them enough time.
- *Never pass a vehicle yielding to a pedestrian at a crosswalk.*

### Pedestrians

- Always stop and make eye contact with drivers. Check ahead, left, right and behind for other vehicles.
- Always look behind the one car you see for passing vehicles - learn to expect the unexpected.
- Cross the street briskly, do not run.
- At night, wear light coloured or reflective type clothing so drivers can see you better.
- Do not rely on the driver for your own safety.
- Obey all traffic signals, use crosswalks and sidewalks.

### Important Note:

Drivers must always be aware that pedestrians can be hidden in the vehicle's *blind spot*:

- behind the rear view mirror.
- beside the door pillars.
- to the sides of the vehicle.
- in front of and behind the vehicle (do a circle check before starting).