Bicycle Codes

28-812. Applicability of Traffic Laws to Bicycle Riders (Civil)
A person riding a bicycle on a roadway is granted all the rights and is subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle.

28-813. Riding on Bicycles (Civil)
Bicycle riders must ride on a permanent and regular seat attached to the bicycle.
Bicycle riders shall not use a bicycle to carry more persons than the number it is designed and equipped.

28-814. Clinging to Vehicle (Civil)
A person riding on a bicycle, coaster, sled or toy vehicle or on roller skates shall not attach in any way to a vehicle on a roadway.

28-815. Riding on Roadway & Bicycle Path; Bicycle Path Usage (Civil)
Bicycle riders on the roadway slower than vehicle traffic shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except:
1. Overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
2. Preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
3. Reasonably necessary to avoid hazards (fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals or surface hazards).
4. Lane is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.

Persons riding bicycles on a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

28-816. Carrying Article on Bicycle (Civil)
A person shall not carry any item while operating a bicycle if the package, if it prevents them from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars.

28-817. Bicycle Equipment (Civil)
Riding a bicycle at night requires:
1. A White Light on the Front
2. A Red Reflector on the Rear (A red light on the back in addition to the reflector is acceptable.)
No sirens or whistles are allowed on bikes.
All bicycles shall have a brake that enables the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

Tips for Drivers
- Stay alert
- Wear sunglasses
- Clear all blind spots
- Stay observant of motion
- Look out for pedestrians
- Watch for jaywalkers
- Use caution near schools & buses

Tips for Pedestrians
- Use crosswalks
- Cross only when "walk" is displayed
- Always check for traffic
- Use caution around driveways
- Look left, then right & left again
- Never assume a driver sees you
- Check traffic when exiting a bus

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Pedestrian Codes

28-646 Pedestrian Control Signals; Loitering Prohibited (Civil)
A. If special pedestrian control signals exhibiting the words "walk" or "don't walk" or a symbol of a walking person that symbolizes the word "walk" or a symbol of an upraised hand that symbolizes the words "don't walk" are in place.
B. A pedestrian shall not loiter or unduly delay crossing the roadway after traffic has stopped to give the right-of-way.

28-792 Right-of-Way at Crosswalk (Civil)
A. If traffic control signals are not in place or are not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger. A pedestrian shall not suddenly leave any curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.
B. If a vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of another vehicle approaching from the rear shall not pass the stopped vehicle.

28-793 Crossing at Other Than Crosswalk (Civil)
A. A pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway.
B. A pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway.
C. Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.

28-796 Pedestrian on Roadways (Civil)
Where sidewalks are provided, a pedestrian shall not walk along and on an adjacent roadway.
If sidewalks are not provided, a pedestrian walking along and on a highway shall walk when practicable only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic that may approach from the opposite direction.
A person shall not stand in a roadway for soliciting a ride from the driver of a vehicle.

13-2905 Loitering Classification
A person commits loitering if they intentionally:
- Are present in a public place and in an offensive manner or in a manner likely to disturb the public peace solicits another person to engage in any sexual offense.
- Are present in a transportation facility and, after a reasonable request to cease or unless specifically authorized to do so, solicits or engages in any business, trade or commercial transactions involving the sale of merchandise or services.
- Are present in a public place, unless specifically authorized by law, to gamble with any cards, dice or other similar gambling devices.
- Are present in or about a school, college or university building or grounds after a reasonable request to leave and either does not have any reason or relationship involving custody of or responsibility for a pupil or student or any other specific legitimate reason for being there or does not have written permission to be there from anyone authorized to grant permission.

Except as provided in section 13-3969, subsection A, solicits bail bond business inside a court building or immediately around or near the entrance of a county or city jail. For the purposes of this paragraph, "solicit" includes handing out business cards or any printed material or displaying any electronic devices related to bail bonds, verbally asking a person if the person needs a bail bond and recruiting another person to solicit bail bond business.

13-2906 Obstructing a Highway or Other Public Thoroughfare (Criminal)
A. A person commits obstructing a highway or other public thoroughfare if the person, alone or with other persons, does either of the following:
1. Having no legal privilege to do so, recklessly interferes with the passage of any highway or public thoroughfare by creating an unreasonable inconvenience or hazard.
2. Intentionally activates a pedestrian signal on a highway or public thoroughfare if the person's reason for activating the signal is not to cross the highway or public thoroughfare but to do both of the following: (a) Stop the passage of traffic on the highway or public thoroughfare. (b) Solicit a driver for a donation or business.

6-1-17 Prohibited Use of Public Right of Way (C1M)
It shall be unlawful for any person to use a public street, highway, alley, lane, parkway, sidewalk, or other right-of-way, whether such right-of-way has been dedicated to the public in fee or by easement, for lying, sleeping, or remaining in a sitting position thereon, except in the case of a physical emergency or the administration of medical assistance.

6-1-4 Expectorating on a Sidewalk (C1M)
It shall be unlawful for any person to expectorate upon any of the sidewalks or upon the floor of any theatre, public building, church, or room used for public assemblies.