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Beginning **September 16, 2014**, drivers must give bicyclists at least 3 feet clearance when passing in the same direction.

The new law is designed to reduce car-bicycle crashes by reminding drivers to give bicyclists more safe space when passing.

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Hundreds of bicyclists are killed and many more are injured nationwide each year. But many of these injuries and deaths are preventable. Follow the new 3-feet passing law and the safety tips when driving a car or riding a bike.

SAFETY TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

- Slow down near bicyclists
- · Pay attention and avoid driving distractions
- · Look for bicyclists before opening your car door
- Be aware of oncoming bicyclists when making a left turn
- Check your blind spot for bicyclists before turning right

SAFETY TIPS FOR BICYCLISTS

- · Ride with the flow of traffic, not against it
- · Ride with a white front light at night
- Be visible. Don't hug the curb and ride in a straight line.
- Stop at red lights and stop signs
- Ride 3-5 feet to the left of parked cars to avoid opening doors
- Be predictable and use hand signals