

## **Traffic Law Highlights for Bicyclists**

### **Legal status of bicycles**

(Sections 316.003(2),(10) and 316.2065(1),F.S.)

- A bicycle is classified as a vehicle. A person in control of a vehicle on a street or highway is a driver. As a driver, a cyclist must follow the traffic rules common to all drivers.

### **Driving on the right side of the roadway**

(Section 316.081,F.S.)

- Upon all roadways of sufficient width, a vehicle must be driven on the right half of the roadway.

### **Equipment requirements and carriage of passengers**

(Section 316.2065(2),(3),(7),(8) and (14),F.S.)

- A bicycle rider or passenger under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted, fastened securely, and meets a nationally recognized standard.
- Bicyclists must use a fixed, regular seat for riding.
- A bicycle may not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed or equipped.
- An adult bicyclist may carry a child in a backpack or sling, child seat or trailer designed to carry children.
- A bicyclist may not allow a passenger to remain in a child seat or carrier when not in immediate control of the bicycle.
- At least one hand must be kept on the handlebars while riding.
- Every bicycle must be equipped with a brake or brakes which allow the rider to stop within 25 feet from a speed of 10 miles per hour.
- When riding on a sidewalk or crosswalk, a bicyclist has all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian.

## **Traffic Law Highlights for Pedestrians**

### **Pedestrian regulations**

(Section 316.130, F.S.)

- Pedestrians must obey any official traffic control device-sign, signal or pavement striping.
- Where a sidewalk is available, a pedestrian is not allowed to walk upon the roadway.
- Where sidewalks are not provided, pedestrians shall walk on the shoulder on the left side of the roadway facing traffic.

### **Crossing the roadway**

(Sections 316.075, 316.130, F.S.)

- Pedestrians are subject to traffic signals at intersections.
- A pedestrian may not leave the 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.
- Pedestrians crossing the roadway at any point other than within a marked or unmarked crosswalk must yield the right-of-way to the vehicles upon the roadway.
- Pedestrians are required to keep to the right half of crosswalks.
- Except within a marked crosswalk, pedestrians must cross the roadway at a right angle or by the shortest route.
- No pedestrian shall cross a roadway intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic control devices.
- A pedestrian may not cross between two adjacent signalized intersections, except in a marked crosswalk.