

# What Every Bicyclist Should Know About Riding in Royal Oak



## The Royal Oak Police Department Wants You to be a Safe Cyclist

### Ride On Royal Oak!

Whether you're a savvy cyclist or relatively new to biking, here is information you can use for getting around on two wheels in Royal Oak.

- Pedestrians always have the right of way, period.
- Bikers riding on sidewalks or in crosswalks should not travel at a speed faster than pedestrians.
- Always give an audible sound to let pedestrians know you are there.
- Ride on the right side on roadways and follow traffic laws.
- Red lights and stop signs mean stop, even for bicyclists.
- Use front and rear lights when travelling after dark and wear reflective clothing.
- Keep clear of parked cars to prevent being doored.
- Make yourself visible at intersections. Make eye contact with drivers and stay out of blind spots.
- Although the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code does not require helmets, it strongly recommends wearing one to prevent brain injuries.



While the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code permits bicycling on all roadways and sidewalks, riding a bike on the sidewalk in downtown Royal Oak is explicitly prohibited by City Code 650-3.

For the safety and comfort of everyone using our busy sidewalks, you must walk your bike or ride it in the street when you are downtown.

### Let Drivers, pedestrians and other bicyclist know where you are headed

#### SIGNALING



\*View from behind



- Signal left turns by extending your left arm straight out to the left.
- Signal right turns with an upturned left arm.
- Signal stopping or slowing by extending your left arm straight down with your palm facing rearward.

Graphic courtesy of: League of Michigan Bicyclists, [www.LMB.org](http://www.LMB.org)

# Michigan Bicycling Law Quiz

1. True or false? Under the law, a bicyclist has to signal their turns.
2. True or false? On roadways, a bicyclist has to ride with the direction of traffic.
3. True or false? It is legal for bikes to ride between lanes.
4. True or false? Bicyclists must ride single file.
5. True or false? Bicyclists are required to wear helmets.
6. True or false? Bicyclist have to stop at lights.
7. True or false? It is illegal to operate a cellphone in your hand while riding a bike.
8. True or false? Texting while cycling is prohibited.

## Bike Parking in Downtown Royal Oak

Cyclists can find circle-frame bike racks on parking meters poles throughout the downtown area. Each frame can safely secure two bikes. The meter bicycle racks are located near the following establishments:

- Hamlin Corner
- Bean & Leaf
- Leo's Coney Island
- Mr B's
- Sweet Earth / La Feast
- Astoria Pastry
- Gamestop / BD's
- Funky7 / Jimmy Johns
- BlackFinn
- The Morrie



In addition, two on-street bike corrals, which can accommodate 10 bikes each, are located near Third and Main Streets and Fourth and Washington Avenue.

- Answers:
1. True: The hand signals for a left turn, right turn and slowing down are found on the front of this flyer.
  2. True
  3. False
  4. False: Although riding single file is often safest, bicyclists are allowed to ride two-abreast on roads.
  5. False: Although the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code does not require helmets, it is strongly recommends wearing one to prevent brain injuries.
  6. True
  7. True: Cellphones operated in hands-free mode are permitted.
  8. True

For more information, please visit [romi.gov/rideon](http://romi.gov/rideon) or call 248-246-3201.