

Community Corner

SHARE THE ROAD, SAVE A LIFE

Tips for Motorists



Cars kill and injure people

- **LOOK** out for pedestrians and bicycles everywhere, at all times, especially on rural roads, where typically there are no sidewalks.
- **SLOW DOWN** around people on the street, in school zones, and in neighborhoods where children are present.
- **SPEED KILLS.** Driving slower than the speed limit is the right thing for safety. Even slowing down by 10 mph can reduce the chances of injury or death by a factor of four or more.

Tips for Pedestrians



Walk Where it is Safe

- Use sidewalks if they are provided.
- If a sidewalk is not available, walk **AGAINST** traffic. This allows you to make eye contact with drivers.

Crossing

- Always use a crosswalk if provided.
- If a crosswalk isn't available, use a location with as few obstructions as possible. Remember, cars have the right-of-way if there is no crosswalk!

Tips for Bicyclists



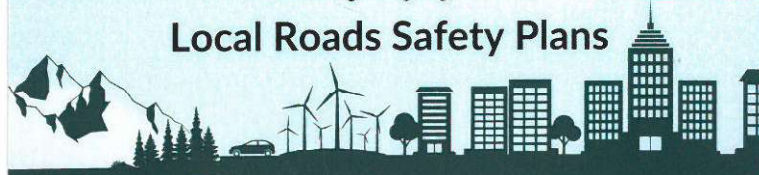
Bicyclists should always maintain a safe distance between traffic and curbs, while holding a predictable line.

- Always ride on the **RIGHT SIDE** of the road. Riding on the left is dangerous and against NYS law.
- Bicyclists **MUST** follow the same traffic laws as drivers of motor vehicles.

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Roadway Safety Series

Local Roads Safety Plans



Why should we have a local roads safety plan (LRSP)s?

New York State's highway community is committed to ensuring a safe, efficient, & environmentally sound transportation system for all who live, work, and travel in the state.

What is a local roads safety plan?



A local road safety plan uses data from crashes, maintenance logs, safety audits, & traffic violations to form a comprehensive approach to improving safety. The goal is simple: ensure everyone can return home safely, even if they make a mistake.

LRSPs focus on reducing lane departures, protecting vulnerable users like pedestrians & bicyclists, & improving safety at intersections.



Who is involved in a local roads safety plan?

You the community, law enforcement, elected officials, schools, highway departments & public health experts all can have a say in the safety of our roads. Working together as a team ensures all concerns are highlighted.

Outcomes



LRSPs provide prioritized plans to reduce severe crashes. Education on new and updated safety measures, such as chevrons, roundabouts, and crosswalks, combined with vehicle and traffic enforcement and the ongoing challenge of maintenance, plays a vital role in keeping our roadways safe for everyone.

For more information visit FHWA Local Road Safety Plans website



<https://highways.dot.gov/safety/local-rural/local-road-safety-plans>