

HOW TO BIKE SAFELY ON

New Orleans Roads

1 Eyes On the Road

Because of our shifting soil, we have a lot of potholes. A LOT. And even a small one can turn a fun ride into some serious injuries. So be sure you're always wearing a helmet, and keep your eyes on the road.

2 Map out Your Route

Some roads are safer than others! Avoiding Broad, St. Claude, and other busy thoroughfares can not only be a lot safer, but far more serene. Whenever possible (and whenever not covered in pot holes) take a side route. The safest ones are mapped out courtesy of the Purple Way.

3 Slow Down When Shared

Too often, bikes, buses, and turning cars are all sharing a lane. This can create a scenario where you face a sudden potential crash, so when riding on these roads, we recommend riding slowly enough that you can always quickly come to a complete stop.

4 Watch Out for Streetcar Tracks

Many cyclists see the streetcar track as a safe area they can ride away from cars. Unfortunately, bicycle wheels easily get caught in the tracks and can launch riders from their bike.

5 Beware of Doors

Our city is street parking heavy, and many drivers do not check for oncoming cyclists before opening their doors. If you're hugging the side of the road, because it feels like the safest way to stay out of traffic, or because that's where the bike lane is, you can get hit by a suddenly opened door and crash. We recommend giving parked cars a wide berth.

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