

# Mopeds

State law defines a moped as a vehicle fitting all of the following criteria:

- Pedals that allow you to propel the vehicle
- A seat for the rider
- Three or fewer wheels
- Motor of two-brake horsepower or less
- Maximum speed of 30 mph on level ground
- Automatic power-drive system
- Displacement of 50 cc or less (for those with an internal combustion engine)

Mopeds need to be registered with the state of Florida. After you have registered it you will receive a motorcycle plate. If you're under 21 and the registration is in your name, your plate will have a distinctive design and color.

Moped drivers are required to have at least a Class E driver's license, and be 16 or older to drive a moped on a public road. A motorcycle endorsement is not required. Mopeds are not permitted on bike or foot paths. All passengers under 16 must wear a helmet.

## Share the Road Safety Sign



Share the Road safety signs are usually posted on roads that have at least one of the following criteria:

- Roadways with a significant number of auto and bicycle travelers
- Roadways with auto-bicycle accident history
- Roadways with narrow lanes, lacking paved shoulders

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SHERIFF



Dear St. Johns County Resident,  
Whether you are driving your car, RV, motorcycle, or riding your bicycle, you share the road with others. Traffic safety continues to be a high priority in St. Johns County. I hope this brochure provides you with useful safety tips and information that will help make our roads safer for everyone.

Your Sheriff, David B. Shoar

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VALUES: OUR CORE VALUES ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE: INTEGRITY,  
TREATING PEOPLE WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT

MISSION: TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE VISION: BE THE BEST WE CAN BE, IN ALL WE DO

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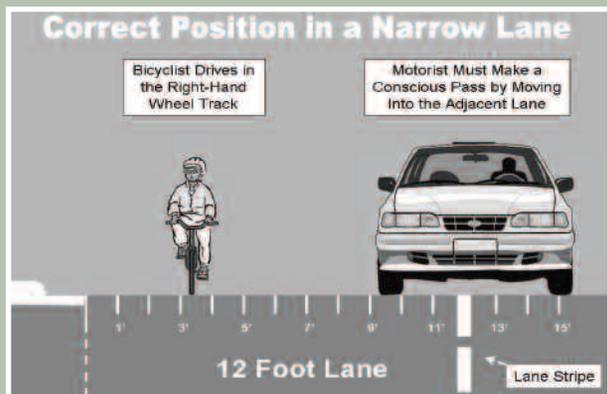
# BICYCLE SAFETY



# Tips For Motorists

Driving on the road requires care whether you are in a car or on a bicycle. Motorists should respect the rights of other road users including bicyclists. Do your part by being a safe and courteous driver. The following are tips to help drivers share the road with bicyclists:

- Give driving your full attention. Many accidents occur because drivers are distracted.
- Pedestrians and bicyclists have the right-of-way. Remember to yield at marked or unmarked crosswalks, especially when turning right on a red light.
- When passing a bicyclist, take a moment to observe the roadway. Once you have assessed the situation and determine it is safe and necessary to pass, give the cyclist plenty of space. **Florida law requires you give the cyclist at least 3 feet of space when passing.** See example below:



- Do not stop on the cross walk, your vehicle should be BEHIND the stop bar at all intersections.
- Don't blow your horn when approaching a bicyclist. This may startle cyclist and could cause an accident.
- Never drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Even prescribed medication can cause impairment and result in an arrest.

# Tips For Bicyclists

Bicycles are the most vulnerable of all vehicles on the road, and extra safety precautions should be taken when riding. Driving on roads requires care and courtesy whether you are driving a car or a bicycle. As road users, bicyclists must be predictable and highly visible; often drivers of vehicles have a difficult time seeing bicyclists in traffic. The following are tips to help bicyclists share the road with vehicles:

- Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as automobile drivers, to include following all traffic laws.
- Bicyclists riding on the roadway must always ride with the flow of traffic.
- Bicyclists may not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Cyclists may ride two abreast only within a single lane and when not impeding traffic.
- A bicyclist may ride on the sidewalk unless prohibited by local laws; always give the right of way to pedestrians.
- A bicycle operated between sunset and sunrise must be equipped with proper lighting and reflectors.
- A bicyclist or passenger under 16 years of age must wear a helmet when riding.
- A bicyclist is not allowed to wear headphones, headsets, or any other listening device except a hearing aide while riding.
- A bicycle is considered a vehicle so all the laws pertaining to Driving Under the Influence or possessing an open container of alcohol while operating the vehicle also applies to bicyclists.



# Other Vehicles

Manufactures are continually coming up with new products for consumers to ride. However, just because you can purchase an item does not mean it is legal to operate on the public roadways and sidewalks. It is up to you, the buyer, to verify if the item meets Florida statute.

## Go-Peds, Scooters/ Motorized Skateboards

State law defines a motorized scooter as a vehicle fitting all of the following criteria:

- Vehicle without seat or saddle for the use of the rider
- Three or fewer wheels
- Maximum speed of 30 mph on level ground

Depending on its makeup, a scooter could be classified as a motorcycle, moped, or even a bicycle/motorized scooter. It is up to you to see where your scooter falls under these categories, and then follow the appropriate rules and procedures.

You cannot register or title a motorized scooter, and you cannot drive a motorized scooter on sidewalks or public roads.

