

# What Royal Oak Drivers Should Know About Bicycle Lanes



## Bike Lanes and Shared Lanes Do you know the difference?

### Bike Lane

A bike lane is the portion of a roadway that has been designated for the exclusive use of bicyclists.

**Motorists should never drive in a bike lane.**



A variant of a conventional bicycle lane is a buffered bicycle lane. This type of bicycle lane is accompanied by a designated buffer space, separating the bicycle lane from the adjacent motor vehicle travel lane.

Bike lanes are often accompanied by this sign.



### Shared Lane

Sharrows are found in locations where there is insufficient width to provide a designated bike lane.

The markings alert drivers to share the road with bicyclists.



**Sharrows indicate a shared lane. Motorists and bicyclists may both ride in this joint lane.**

Shared lanes are often accompanied by this sign.



Unless explicitly prohibited, the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code permits bicycling on all roadways and sidewalks.

# How do Motorists Make Right Turns when a Bicycle Lane is Present?

When turning right, a motorist should always yield to bicyclists going straight. **Never move into the bike lane to make your turn.** Never pass a bicyclist and then “hook” them by making a turn immediately in front of them.

Once the bicyclist passes through the intersection, the motorist should then begin their right turn.



***Only after the bicyclist clears the intersection or driveway should the motorist complete their turn.***

## Bike Lane Quiz

1. True or false? A lane marked with a sharrow alerts drivers to share the road with cyclists.
2. True or false? It is OK to move into a bike lane to make a right turn.
3. True or false? The Michigan Motor Vehicle Code permits bicycling on all roadways.

## Crash Facts

Bicyclists are involved in less than 1 percent of all traffic crashes. Proportionally, they represent a greater number of fatalities than any other group of roadway users. This is why it is especially important for drivers to pass bicyclists at a safe distance and to always yield to them before making turns.

1. True. Shared lanes are used by cyclists and motorists. They are marked by “sharrows” (bike symbols with chevrons) and signs. 2. False. Motorists should never drive in bike lanes. 3. True. Bikes are allowed on all roadways unless explicitly prohibited, such as limited access highways.

Bike Lane Quiz Answers:

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