

LOOK FOR ME WE'RE ALL GOING SOMEWHERE

Help Make Our Streets Safe for Everyone. Here's How:

Reduce Speed



Avoid stopping in crosswalk or blocking sidewalk



Provide a safe travel distance away from persons biking or walking



Avoid parking/driving in bike lane



Remain sober while traveling. Don't throw any debris from your vehicle



PLEASE PAY FULL ATTENTION: Do not talk, text, or use cell phone while driving. Minimize all distractions



66-7-106. Pedestrian-Control Signals

"WALK" indicates that pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by drivers of all vehicles; and

"Don't Walk" indicates that no pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of the signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed his crossing on the "walk" signal shall proceed to a sidewalk or safety island while the "don't walk" signal is showing.

Chapter 66, Article 3, Part 8 Bicycles

66-3-701. Bicycles; effect of regulations. A. It is a misdemeanor or for any person to do any act forbidden, or fail to perform any act required by Sections 66-3-701 through 66-3-707 NMSA 1978. B. The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code. C. These regulations applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any highway or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles subject to those exceptions stated herein.

66-3-702. Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles. Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the

66-7-334. Pedestrians' right of way in crosswalks

When traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk.

No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

Whenever a vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of another vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to the special regulations within Sections 66-3-701 through 66-3-707 NMSA 1978.

66-3-703. Riding on bicycles. A. A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto. B. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

66-3-704. Clinging to vehicles. No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

66-3-705. Riding on roadways and bicycle paths. A. Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the

66-7-335. Crossing at other than crosswalks

Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

Between adjacent intersections at which traffic-control signals are in operation pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.

roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. B. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. C. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, no bicycle shall be operated on any roadway in a manner that would create a public safety hazard.

66-3-706. Carrying articles. No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebar.

66-3-707. Lamps and other equipment on bicycles. A. Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to

New Mexico Statutes Concerning Bicycles Chapter 66 Motor Vehicles

66-1-1. Short title Articles 1 through 8 of Chapter 66 NMSA 1978 [except 66-7-102.1 NMSA 1978] may be cited as the "Motor Vehicle Code".

66-1-4.15. Definitions As defined in the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Code: [66-1-1 NMSA 1978] ... N. "roadway" means that portion of a street or highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder and in the event a highway includes two or more separate roadways, the term "roadway" refers to any such roadway separately but not to all such roadways collectively.

the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the division which shall be visible from all distances from fifty feet to three hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector. B. No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least one hundred feet, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle. C. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the brake wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.



Develop a good understanding of the nuanced pedestrian and bike laws of your area

Fact: Bicycle use is legal on public roads in the State of New Mexico

(66-3-705 Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as **practicable***)

Sources: New Mexico Vehicle Code Chapter 66



*Discretion is given to the cyclist to determine their level of safety. Cyclists are not required to use a side path/trail. YES - cyclists may use full lane if lane is too narrow to share, is unsafe, or is partially obstructed.

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Fact: In NM pedestrians have the right-of-way under the following condition:

When a pedestrian is within a marked crosswalk OR within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection 66-7-335 (2007)

Sources: New Mexico Vehicle Code Chapter 66



Image at left: Unmarked Crosswalk (corner to corner cross.)

Note: it is NOT illegal in every circumstance when a pedestrian crosses midblock. Pedestrians may not impede the flow of traffic when crossing midblock. Refer to NM Vehicle Code for more detailed information.