

21656 CVC

On a two-lane highway where passing is unsafe because of traffic in the opposite direction or other conditions, any vehicle proceeding upon the highway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at that time, behind which five or more vehicles are formed in a line, shall turn off the roadway at the nearest place designated as a turnout by signs erected by the authority having jurisdiction over the highway, or wherever sufficient area for a safe turnout exists, in order for the vehicles following it to proceed.



21760(a) CVC

This section shall be known and may be cited as the Three Feet Safety Act.

21760(b) CVC

The driver of a motor vehicle overtaking and passing a bicycle that is proceeding in the same direction on a highway shall pass in compliance with the requirements of this article applicable to overtaking and passing a vehicle, and shall do so at a safe distance that does not interfere with the safe operation of the overtaken bicycle, having due regard for the size and speed of the motor vehicle and the bicycle, traffic conditions, weather, visibility, and the surface and width of the highway.

21760(c) CVC

A driver of a motor vehicle shall not overtake or pass a bicycle proceeding in the same direction on a highway at a distance of less than three feet between any part of the motor vehicle and any part of the bicycle or its operator.

21760(d) CVC

If the driver of a motor vehicle is unable to comply with subdivision (c), due to traffic or roadway conditions, the driver shall slow to a speed that is reasonable and prudent, and may pass only when doing so would not endanger the safety of the operator of the bicycle, taking into account the size, speed of the motor vehicle, and the surface and width of the highway.

21966 CVC

No pedestrian shall proceed along a bicycle path or lane where there is an adjacent adequate pedestrian facility.

22400(a) CVC

No person shall drive upon a highway at such slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, unless the reduced speed is necessary for safe operation, because of grade, or in compliance with law.



27400(a) CVC

A person operating a motor vehicle or bicycle may not wear a headset covering, earplugs in, or earphone covering, resting on, or inserted in both ears.

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BICYCLE SAFETY

21200(a) CVC

A person riding a bicycle upon a highway has all the rights and is subject to all provisions applicable to the driver of a vehicle.

 This includes all turning, signaling, right of way, stopping, and cell phone laws.

21200.5 CVC

DUI on a bicycle.

21201 CVC

Equipment provisions.

21202 (a) CVC

Any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at that time shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except under the following situations:

- 1) When overtaking and passing another bicyclist proceeding in the same direction.
- 2) When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
- 3) When reasonable necessary to avoid conditions that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge.
- 4) When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized.



21208(a) CVC

whenever a bicycle lane has been established on a roadway pursuant to 21207 CVC, any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction shall ride within the bicycle lane, except that the person may move out of the lane under the following situations:

- 1) When overtaking and passing another bicycle, vehicle, or pedestrian within the lane or about to enter the lane if the overtaking and passing cannot be done safely within the lane.
- 2) When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
- 3) When reasonable necessary to leave the bicycle lane to avoid debris or other hazardous conditions.
- 4) When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized.



21208(b) CVC

No person operating a bicycle shall leave a bicycle lane until the movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided in 22100 CVC in the event any vehicle may be affected by the movement.



21212(a) CVC

A person under the age of 18 shall not operate a bicycle, nonmotorized scooter, or a skateboard, nor shall they wear in-line roller skates unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet that meets the standards of either the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). This requirement also applies to a person who rides upon a bicycle while in a restraining seat that is attached to the bicycle or in a trailer towed by the bicycle.



21213(a) CVC

A person under 16 years of age shall not operate a Class 3 electric bicycle.

 A Class 1 bicycle is a "Low speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle" capable of 20 MPH max speed.

 A Class 2 bicycle is a "Low speed throttle-assisted electric bicycle" capable of 20 MPH max speed.

 A Class 3 bicycle is a "speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle" capable of 28 MPH max speed. Class 3 bicycles are usually equipped with a speedometer.