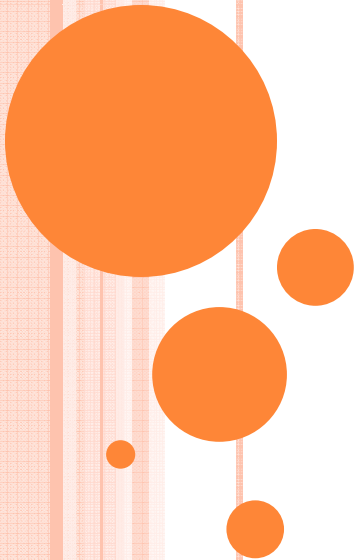


## PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST SAFETY





## THE PEDESTRIAN

- Pursuant to the Ontario Highway Traffic Act pedestrians are as responsible for their actions as much as the motorist driving a motor vehicle or cyclist riding a bicycle. ( **A person in a wheel chair is still considered a pedestrian under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act**)
- Did you know that Section 140(4) of the Ontario H.T.A.(Highway Traffic Act) states – **Duty of pedestrian or person in wheelchair** – No pedestrian or person in a wheelchair shall leave the curb or other place of safety at a pedestrian crossover and walk, run or move the wheelchair into the path of a vehicle or street car that is so close that it is impracticable for the driver of the vehicle or street car to yield the right of way.





## THE PEDESTRIAN CONT'D

- Sections 144(22),(25) and (27) of the Ontario H.T.A. - state the duties of a pedestrian crossing - Where portions of a roadway are marked for pedestrian use, no pedestrian shall cross the roadway except within a portion so marked.
- 144(25) – No pedestrian approaching a traffic control signal and facing a red or amber indication shall enter the roadway.
- 144(27) - No pedestrian approaching pedestrian control signals and facing a solid or flashing “don’t walk” indication shall enter the roadway
- Section 179(1) of the Ontario H.T.A. - states the duties of a pedestrian when walking along highway - Where sidewalks are not provided on a highway, a pedestrian walking along the highway shall walk on the left side thereof facing on coming traffic and, when walking along the roadway, shall walk as close to the left edge thereof as possible.





## THE PEDESTRIAN CONT'D

- Yes!!! The Pedestrian does have the right of way in many cases but, you must still do the little things to remain safe:
- Look both ways before crossing the street;
- Make eye contact with the vehicle driver;
- Wear bright or reflective clothing at night;
- Make sure all traffic has stopped before you leave the curb;
- Be seen!!!





## THE CYCLIST

- The Ontario H.T.A.'s definition of “bicycle” , includes a tricycle, a unicycle, and a power-assisted bicycle but does not include a motor assisted bicycle (“bicyclette”)

- Tricycle



- Power-assisted bicycle(e-bike)

- Unicycle



- Motor assisted bicycle(moped)





## THE CYCLIST CONT'D

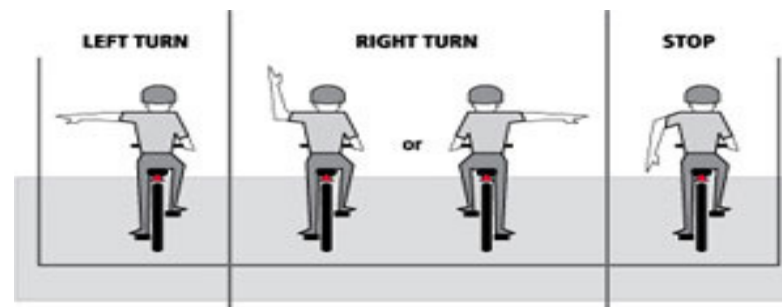
- As a cyclist you are considered to be a vehicle under the Ontario H.T.A. , which means all the Rules of the Road apply to you like a motor vehicle.
- Proper equipment requirements – lights, reflectors bell/horn, helmet.



- Obeying traffic signs and signals - Stopping for red lights, yellow lights, stop signs etc.



- Proper indication of movements using hand signals.





## THE CYCLIST CONT'D

- Did you know that the Ontario H.T.A. requires all cyclist to wear a helmet!!!
- Section 104(2.1) Bicyclist to wear helmet – No person shall ride or operate a bicycle on a highway unless the person is wearing a bicycle helmet that complies with the regulations and the chin strap of the helmet is securely fastened under the chin.
- Section 104(2.2) Duty of parent or Guardian – No parent or guardian of a person under sixteen years of age shall authorize or knowingly permit that person to ride on or operate a bicycle, other than a power-assisted bicycle on a highway unless the person is wearing a bicycle helmet as required by subsection (2.1).





## THE CYCLIST CONT'D

- There is one exception for helmets though!!!!!!
- Regulation 610(5) – A person who is 18 years old or older is not required to comply with subsection 104(2.1) of the Act.
- Just incase you didn't know you cannot do the following:
- Section 178(2) - Doubling/Passenger on Bicycle – No person riding on a bicycle designed for carrying one person only shall carry another person thereon.
- Section 144(29) – Riding in crosswalk prohibited – No person shall ride a bicycle across a roadway within or along a crosswalk at an intersection or at a location other than an intersection which location is controlled by a traffic control signal system.







## THE CYCLIST CONT'D

- Last but not least... an important fact to know!!!
- Section 218(1) Cyclist to Identify self – A Police officer who finds any person contravening this Act or any municipal by-law regulating traffic while in charge of a bicycle may require that person to stop and provide identification of himself or herself.
- Idem(2) - Every person who is required to stop, by a police officer acting under subsection(1), shall stop and identify himself or herself to the police officer.
- Idem(3) - For the purpose of this section, giving one's correct name and address is sufficient identification.
  - \*\*\*\*\* BUT \*\*\*\*\*
- Idem(4) - A police officer may arrest without warrant any person who does not comply with subsection(2)





# THE MOTORIST

- As a motorist you are responsible for numerous items within the Ontario H.T.A.

- Rules of the Road



- Vehicle Equipment



- Documentation / Permits





## THE MOTORIST CONT'D

- As many drivers already know they must follow the Rules of the Road from their driving exam stopping at stop lights and obeying signs such as stop signs, yield signs, parking signs etc.... but did you know:
- **Section 148(6) - Bicycles Overtaken** - Every person on a bicycle or motor assisted bicycle who is overtaken by a vehicle or equestrian travelling at a greater speed shall turn out to the right and allow the vehicle or equestrian to pass and the vehicle or equestrian overtaking shall turn out to the left so far as may be necessary to avoid a collision.
- **Section 144(7) – Yielding to pedestrians** - When under this section a driver is permitted to proceed, the driver shall yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within a crosswalk





## THE MOTORIST CONT'D

- Motorist are also responsible for the care and maintenance of their motor vehicle including but, not limited to items like headlights, brake lights, indicator lights, brakes, tires, horn, muffler etc...
- **Section 62(1) - Lamps required on all motor vehicles except motorcycles** - Every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle shall carry three lighted lamps which shall display a white or amber light only, and one on the rear of the vehicle which shall display a red light only.
- **Section 73(3) - Colour coating obscuring interior** - No person shall drive on a highway a motor vehicle on which the surface of the windshield or of any window to the direct left or right of the driver's seat has been coated with any coloured spray or other coloured or reflective material that substantially obscures the interior of the motor vehicle when viewed from outside the motor vehicle.





## THE MOTORIST CONT'D

- Motorist are also responsible for keeping the following documents up to date for their vehicle and must surrender them on demand, a valid insurance card, motor vehicle permit and a valid Ontario driver's licence.
- **Section 33(1) - Carrying licences and surrender on demand**
  - Every driver of a motor vehicle or street car shall carry his or her licence with him or her at all times while he or she is in charge of a motor vehicle or street car and shall surrender the licence for reasonable inspection upon the demand of a police officer or officer appointed for carrying out the provisions of this Act.





## THE MOTORIST CONT'D

- Motorist must also pay full attention to the road they are travelling on as conditions may change in the blink of an eye.
- **Section 78.1(1) - Wireless communication devices** - No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a highway **while holding or using a hand-held wireless communication device** or other prescribed device that is capable of receiving or transmitting telephone communications, electronic data, mail or text messages.
- Should you be involved in an accident you may be charged with the following.
- **Section 130 – Careless driving** – Every person is guilty of the offence driving carelessly who drives a vehicle or street car on a highway **without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the highway** and on conviction is liable to a fine of not less than \$400 and not more than \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, or to both, and in addition his or her licence or permit may be suspended for a period of not more than two years.





## SUMMARY / TIPS

- Motorist Tips:
  - Look well ahead down the road.
  - Leave 2 – 3 car lengths between you and the next vehicle for city driving and 3 – 5 car lengths for highway driving as speeds increase.
  - Indicate and make sure the way is clear before making a turn or changing lanes.
  - Drive according to the weather – (rain & snow equals - slow), (dry & clear equals - speed limit).





## SUMMARY / TIPS

- Cyclist Tips:
  - Look well ahead down the road.
  - Use hand signals and make sure the way is clear before making a turn or changing lanes.
  - Be seen and heard by having the proper equipment on your bicycle – lights, reflectors, rear mirror and a bell or horn.
  - Obey the Rules of the road







## SUMMARY / TIPS

- Pedestrian Tips:
  - Look both ways and ensure it is safe to cross the road.
  - Don't assume drivers know where you are going, even though you are standing at a crosswalk.
  - Be seen at night by wearing bright clothing, something reflective or use a flashing light.





# CHARGES AND FINES

Charge	Act	Fine	Total w' Surcharge	Demerit points
Drive – hand-held communication device	Sec. 78.1(1) H.T.A.	\$ 125.00	\$ 155.00	0
Careless driving	Sec. 130 H.T.A.	\$ 400.00	\$ 490.00	6
Drive without proper (headlights/rear light) – motor vehicle	Sec. 62(1) H.T.A.	\$85.00	\$ 110.00	0
Colour coating obscuring the interior	Sec. 73(3) H.T.A.	\$ 85.00	\$ 110.00	0
Driver fail to surrender licence	Sec. 33(1) H.T.A.	\$ 85.00	\$110.00	0
Fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle	Sec. 7(5)(a) H.T.A.	\$ 85.00	\$110.00	0
Fail to have/surrender insurance card	Sec. 3(1) C.A.I.A.	\$ 50.00	\$ 65.00	0
Bicycle - fail to turn out to right when overtaken	Sec. 148(6) H.T.A.	\$ 85.00	\$ 110.00	2
Cyclist - ride in or along crosswalk	Sec. 144(29) H.T.A.	\$ 85.00	\$110.00	0
Cyclist- fail to stop – fail to identify self	Sec. 218(2) H.T.A.	\$ 85.00	\$ 110.00	0
Ride 2 on a bicycle	Sec. 178(2) H.T.A.	\$ 85.00	\$ 110.00	0
Fail to yield to pedestrian	Sec. 144(7) H.T.A.	\$150.00	\$ 180.00	3
Pedestrian fail to use cross-walk	Sec. 144(22) H.T.A.	\$35.00	\$ 50.00	0
Pedestrian disobey red light	Sec. 144(25) H.T.A.	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	0
Pedestrian disobey “don’t walk” signal	Sec. 144(27) H.T.A.	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	3
Permit person under 16 not wearing proper helmet on bicycle	Sec. 104(2) H.T.A.	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00	0
Pedestrian / Person in wheelchair – fail to yield at crossover	Sec. 140(4) H.T.A.	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	0
Pedestrian fail to walk on left side of highway	Sec. 179(1) H.T.A.	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	0



## CONCLUSION

- All Motorist must remember:
  - Driving is a privilege.
  
- All Cyclist must remember:
  - Rules of the road apply to them.
  
- All Pedestrians must remember:
  - To be seen at all times.
  
- Everyone can share and enjoy Ontario's roadways equally.

