are the safest way for New York City cyclists to travel on city streets.

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Remember these tips for safer travel:

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- No stopping, standing or parking in bike lanes
- Crossing a bike lane is prohibited except when turning, leaving a parking space or driveway, or avoiding an obstacle
- Yield to bicyclists and pedestrians
- Watch for cyclists and pedestrians when turning and opening vehicle doors
  (NYC Traffic Rules § 4-12(c))

**Commercial vehicle drivers:**

- Watch for cyclists when loading and unloading along the bike lane side of the street
- Where permitted, double park on the roadway side of the bike lane, not in it

**Bicyclists:**

- Ride in a bike lane whenever provided (except when turning or avoiding an obstacle)
- Follow all traffic signals and markings and other rules of the road
- Ride in the direction of traffic
- Yield to pedestrians
- Cyclists age 14 and over must ride in the street
- Keep both hands on the handlebars for maximum control

**Pedestrians:**

- Before you step off the curb to cross the street, stop, look and listen for bicycles and other vehicles (Remember that bicycles are quieter than motor vehicles)
- Make eye contact with drivers and cyclists to be sure they see you before you start to cross
- Give yourself the most time to cross by waiting for a fresh green or WALK signal
- Keep scanning as you cross, especially for turning vehicles
- Don’t stand or walk in a bike lane

Where no bike lane exists, cyclists:

- Stay to the right on a two-way street.
- Ride either to the right or left on a one-way street. Riding to the left avoids parked vehicles’ doors and places one closer to the driver’s view.