BICYCLE SAFETY

RESOURCES EVERY CYCLIST SHOULD HAVE

What to do/not to do at the accident scene?

- 1. Have someone call the Police if you cannot;
- Accept medical treatment and an ambulance to the hospital if you areinjured;
- 3. Obtain the names and contact information of witnesses if you are able to do so;
- 4. Avoid discussing issues of fault if you are unsure of what may have caused the accident or if you have suffered a head injury; But if you are able to clearly tell the police what happened, tell the police how the driver caused the accident.
- 5. Obtain the driver's ID and insurance information;
- Take photos of the car and bike if you are able to do so.

When in an accident, who pays what?

 For a detailed profile of your insurance rights if you get hit, including an explanation of Personal Injury Protection benefits, property damage, injuries, and underinsured motorist insurance, click here.



Safety Tips

- How to fit your helmet
- Follow these rules of the road
- How bikeable is your community?
- How to Not Get Hit by Cars: real ways you can get hit and real ways to avoid them
- REI: How to Ride a Bike in Traffic
- AAA: Hand Signals, Hazard Recognition, and Tips to Avoid Collisions
- 101 Cycling Tips to Completely Transform
 your Bike Life

Safety Gear

- Garmin Cycling Radar
- Best Bike Cameras 2020
- What You Need to Know about Cycling Mirrors
- Hell Yeah, I Rock a Helmet Mirror When I Ride!
 How Former Pro Tom Soladay Learned to Love
 the One Piece of Gear he Never Thought He'd
 Wear
- See and be seen: What every cyclist needsto know about daytime runninglights
- Best Daytime Cycling Lights 2020

Bike Maintenance

- 101 Bike Maintenance Tips Every Cyclist Should Know
- REI: Bike Maintenance Basics
- 10-Point Maintenance Check for Your Road Bike

Relevant MA Statutes

- Your Rights and Responsibilities on the Road:
- M.G.L. ch 90 sec 14 No person operating a vehicle that overtakes and passes a bicyclist proceeding in the same direction shall make a right turn at an intersection or driveway unless the turn can be made at a safe distance from the bicyclist at a speed that is reasonable and proper.
- M.G.L ch 90 sec 14 No person shall open a door on a motor vehicle unless it is reasonably safe to do so without interfering with the movement of other traffic, including bicyclists and pedestrians.
- M.G.L. ch 85 sec 11B Sets forth rules for lawful operation of bicycles in Massachusetts including use of helmets, proper passing, use of sidewalks and more.

In 2019 after Mike Chinitz was struck on his bike by a speeding car, Ron Gluck successfully handled his case. Ron Gluck is a founder and principal at Breakstone, White and Gluck in Boston. Throughout his 35 year legal career, Ron has represented seriously injured individuals in a variety of cases including cycling accidents involving catastrophic injury and wrongful death. Mike and Ron were inspired to make these resources available to the cycling community.

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