

Bicycle Path (obligatory!)



Cyclists **must** use bicycle paths indicated with this sign. They are not allowed to use the road where this sign is present.

Separate path for walking and for bicycles



The walk way and the bicycle path are next to each other. Bicycles **must** stay on the side indicated by this sign! Do not use the walk way, not even when passing other cyclists.

Bicycles may not use the road where this sign is present.

One path for walking and for bicycles



Cyclists **must use** the bicycle path. Cyclists and pedestrians must share the path. Cyclists **may not** use the road where this sign is present.

Therefore: **Respect** pedestrians. Ring your bell to let them know that you would like to pass.

Walking Path



Get off the bicycle and push it. You **may not** ride on the walk way if you see this sign. Bicycles are **not allowed** on the path, even if there is no such sign.

If there is no bicycle path, cyclists **must** use the road (with the cars.)

Exception: Children up to 8 years old **must** use the walk way. Children between 8 and 10 years old **may** also use the walk way.

Pedestrian Zone



No riding here. Get off the bicycle and **push** it if you see this sign.

Exception: If this sign is included below the pedestrian zone sign, cyclists **are allowed** to ride on the **walk way** or in the **pedestrian zone, but only** at the same speed as those walking. Pedestrians have priority!



In which direction may I ride?

Cyclists must always use the **right side** on **all** paths and roads. You may **not** cycle against the flowing traffic on a bicycle path!

Exception: Where this sign is present, cyclists may ride in both directions on this path.



One way street



All vehicles may ride **only** in the direction **indicated**.

Exception: This sign allows two-way traffic for bicycles.



Do not enter



You may **not** enter streets with this sign. You may push a bicycle on the sidewalk.

Exception:

This sign indicates that bicycles are allowed to enter the street and ride in **both directions**. But watch out for cars coming **towards** you!



If I want to make a turn:

I clearly and timely use **hand signals** (the arm is extended out to the right or to the left).

Before turning, I look around (including behind me) and **pay attention** to cars and people on foot.

When turning left, I watch for traffic coming from the **opposite direction**.

Passing

When passing other cyclists, I make sure to have sufficient **space** between me and the cyclists I am passing.

Before passing someone, I **use the bell** to tell them I am approaching on the left.

Bicycles or other vehicles are not allowed

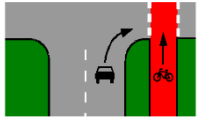


No cycling here. Get off the bicycle and push it.



No vehicles are allowed. Get off the bicycle and push it.

Attention: Cars turning right

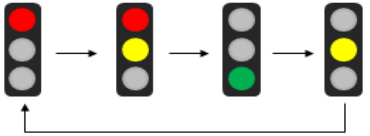


Cars and trucks turning right may not see cyclists going straight.

Important: Even if I have the right of way, I only proceed if the driver has seen me. If not, I wait!

Other important signs on the road

Traffic lights



At many intersections, traffic is regulated by traffic lights.

Meaning of the colors:

Red: Stop and wait!

Green: You can move on.

Yellow: Indicates that the light will change immediately from Red to Green or from Green to Red.

The walk way often has special traffic lights for pedestrians:



The bicycle path also may have combined traffic lights for cyclists **and** pedestrians



or special traffic lights for bicycles:



If there is no signal for cyclists on the bike path follow the signal for **pedestrians**.

Give way: Others have the right of way



Other vehicles have the **right of way** and are allowed to go first.

If there is no sign at street corners indicating the right of way, the rule is: Those **approaching from the right** have **the right of way** and can go first (priority to the right).

Stop – others have the right of way



Stop and give others the right of way.

Slow traffic area (children playing)



All vehicles, including bicycles, may travel only at walking speed. Be careful!
Children often play in these streets.

Crosswalk



This sign indicates that **pedestrians crossing** the street have **the right of way**.



All vehicles, bicycles included, must wait.

Monetary fines for violating the traffic rules

Cyclists, who do not respect the traffic rules may be fined quite a lot of money, even if no accident occurs!

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Travelling safely by



The most important Traffic Rules for Bicycles

General Information

- In Germany all vehicles, bicycles included, must use the **right side** of the road.
- A bike **helmet** is recommended. It protects your head from injury.
- Pay attention to the safety of **others** travelling on the road or on the path.
- Be ready to stop: Watch for cars crossing your path when they go in and out of parking lots, driveways, etc.
- Be careful: Trucks and vans often don't see cyclists. Therefore stay **behind** them.

Where can I ride my bicycle?

On the street (with cars)

If there is **no** indicated path for bicycles (by traffic sign), cyclists are allowed to use the street/road. They have to stay on the **right side** of the road.