

# Road-Sharing Safety: Myths vs. Facts

**PART 1** Whether you are walking, biking, riding an e-scooter, or driving a car, staying safe on the road is a shared responsibility. Each row in the table below contains one fact and one myth. Circle the statements you think are true when it comes to sharing the road.



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1	Bike incidents, injuries, and deaths most often occur after dark and in the winter.	Bike incidents, injuries, and deaths most often occur during the day in the summer.
2	When crossing the street, if you can see a driver, they can see you.	A driver may not see you when you are crossing a street. Make eye contact and be sure the driver is fully stopped before you cross.
3	Bicyclists have the same responsibilities and must obey the same traffic rules as drivers.	Bicyclists do not have to follow the same rules of the road as drivers.
4	If you know your route well, it's okay to listen to music on headphones or send a quick text while you are walking, driving, or biking.	Always stay alert and don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes, ears, or mind off the road.
5	If you can't see or hear any cars near you, it's okay to ride or walk in the middle of the street.	Always ride your bike in designated bike lanes, on the sidewalk, or on the right side of the road, and only cross at intersections.

**PART 2** Below are scenarios you might encounter when sharing the road. With your group, discuss each one and determine the best way to stay safe.

1. You've just finished studying at a friend's house and it's dark out. You are going to ride your bike or walk home. There aren't a lot of traffic signals on your path and it's also raining lightly. What are 3 to 5 key steps you can take to help you get home safely?
2. You and your friends are walking around town on a busy Saturday afternoon. One friend is playing music, two are dancing along, and another is talking on the phone. Thinking about a specific area you know well, how would you help your group navigate the route safely?
3. A younger sibling or neighbor has just gotten a new bike and is unsure what to do to prepare for their first ride. What are some key steps you would tell them to take to stay safe on the road?
4. You're in the car with a friend who keeps looking at their phone, rolling through stop signs, and turning to chat with someone in the backseat. There are kids playing in the area, people walking dogs, and a lot of bicyclists around. What do you say to the driver?
5. When walking home from school, you see a friend rushing to catch a bus by crossing in the middle of the street where there is a lot of traffic and a line of parked cars along one side of the road. What should your friend have done to proceed safely?

