

# MINNESOTA STATUTES

The operation of bicycles in Minnesota is regulated by Minnesota Statutes (M.S.), generally in section [169.222](#). Following are highlights of those laws.

## Red Light Exemption

In 2010, BikeMN championed a change to Statute 169.06 Signs, Signals and Markings Subd. 9 to include "[bicycles](#)."

## Minnesota Bicycle Laws

1. Ride on the right with traffic; obey all traffic signs and signals; bicyclists have all rights and duties of any other vehicle driver. (M. S. Section 169.222, sub-section)
2. Legal lights and reflectors are required at night. (Sub-section 6a)
3. A continuous arm signal is required during last 100 feet prior to a turn or lane change (unless the arm is needed to control the bike) and while stopped, waiting to turn. (8)
4. On roadways cyclists may ride two abreast but can't impede normal and reasonable movement of traffic. Cyclists must ride in a single lane. (4b)
5. Ride as close as practicable to the right hand curb or the edge of roadway except:
  - o When overtaking a vehicle;
  - o When preparing for a left turn; or
  - o When necessary to avoid conditions that make it unsafe such as fixed or moving objects, surface hazards, or narrow-width lanes. (4a)
6. Yield to pedestrians on sidewalks and crosswalks; give an audible signal when necessary before overtaking. No riding on sidewalks within business districts unless permitted. (4c)
7. No hitching rides on other vehicles. (3)
8. Only one person is allowed on a bike unless equipped for more, or if a legal baby seat is used. (2)
9. Don't carry anything that prevents keeping one hand on the handlebars or impedes proper operation of brakes. (5)
10. Brakes must allow skidding on dry, level, clean pavement. (6b)

11. Handlebars must not be above shoulder level. (6c)
12. Bicycle size must allow safe operation. (6d)
13. Bicycle parking on sidewalks is allowed, as long as 1) it does not impede normal and reasonable movement of pedestrian or other traffic, and 2) unless it is locally restricted. (9a)
14. Legal parking on a roadway that does not obstruct legally parked motor vehicles is allowable. (9b)
15. Safe bicycle events approved by local authorities, which do not seriously inconvenience other highway users, are not unlawful. Traffic laws can be waived. (10)
16. When passing a bicycle or pedestrian, motor vehicles shall leave at least 3 feet clearance until safely past the bicycle or pedestrian. (M.S. 169.18)

### **17. BIKE RULES:**

18. Walk bicycles in the halls!!!
19. If tires are low, pump them up.
20. Helmets must be on head and BUCKLED while biking.
21. Tennis shoes must be worn.
22. Don't use others students personal helmets.
23. Put helmets back on shelf.
24. Stay with class on designated route. No short-cuts.
25. Ride single file and far right when biking on roads.
26. Yell "Car Back". "Passing on the Left".
27. Obey rules of the roads. (Stop signs, etc).
28. Always ride with the flow of traffic
29. Yield right-of-way if impeding traffic
30. Yield to pedestrians on paths or in crosswalks
31. No jumps. No jumping curbs. No sand hills!!
32. Don't be late for next hour.