



## Bike Smarts: Relevant Traffic Laws 2018 Summary

Attorney & Cyclist Kenneth Knabe: Protecting Cleveland's Cyclists through injury representation, sponsorships, publishing, lecturing and Vision Zero safety legislation.

### STATE LAW = OHIO REVISED CODE ("ORC")

- 3 ft. Safe Passing, ORC §4511.27; Cleveland Ordinance §431.03.
- Dead Red, ORC §4511.132.
- No Points (except DUI), ORC §4511.52.
- "Dooring", ORC 4511.70(C); Cleveland Ordinance §451.07.
- White front and red back lights required at night ORC §4511.46.
- Hand signals required ORC §4511.40.
- Ride to right of lane unless unsafe or lane too narrow, ORC §4511.55(A) & (C).
- Cyclists can ride 2 abreast on the roadway. ORC §4511.55(B)
- Local Ordinances can reasonably regulate bikes, but regulation cannot be fundamentally inconsistent with State Law. ORC §§ 4511.07 (A) (8) 7 4511.051

### RELEVANT RESOURCES

- ODOT CYCLING SMARTER GUIDE  
<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/SPR/bicycle/Documents/ODOTCyclingSmarterGuide.pdf>
- For Analysis of Contrast of ORC to Local Regulations or Ordinances  
<http://bikelaws.org/neo-bikelaws.html>

## INSURANCE PROTECTION

- Request and obtain a high amount of U Coverage (uninsured and underinsured) on your car insurance to likely cover you if you are hit on the bike by an uninsured or underinsured driver
- If you have no car insurance, a bike insurance contact is:  
<https://velosurance.com/> Velosurance - Cyclist owner Dave Williams  
(954 773 9099).

## ACCIDENT CAUSED BY CARELESS DRIVER

P.H.O.N.E.

P – Police: call the police, insist on a report no matter what!

H – Healthcare: seek immediate medical treatment for injuries.

O – Observation: get the driver's contact information, insurance information and names of all witnesses.

N – Notify: call bike/injury attorney (Ken 216 272 8595) before you talk to liability adjuster. Don't play lawyer or adjuster!

E – Evidence: don't let the at fault party move their car or your bicycle. Also, keep all damaged property including bicycle, cracked helmet, ripped clothing and accessories.



**KNABE LAW FIRM**

14222 Madison Avenue

Lakewood, Ohio 44107

216 228 7200

Ken's cell 216 272 8595

[www.KLFOhio.com](http://www.KLFOhio.com)