

Information for drivers



Check the traffic behind you before turning! Always look over your shoulder before turning! Be aware of cyclists in your blind spot.



Traffic, including cyclists, going straight on has right of way. Do not stop or park on cycle paths! Do not endanger cyclists.

- ✓ Keep your distance from cyclists!
- ✓ Ensure that you will not endanger others when opening car doors!
- ✓ When entering/exiting property, be aware of cyclists travelling in both directions!



Be especially careful in **one-way streets**, where cyclists are allowed to



ride in both directions! At junctions, remember the rule: Right before Left – if there are no other traffic signs.

Further Information on all aspects of road safety is available through the designated Traffic Advisor of the Local Police Division or any police station and online at www.polizei.berlin.de

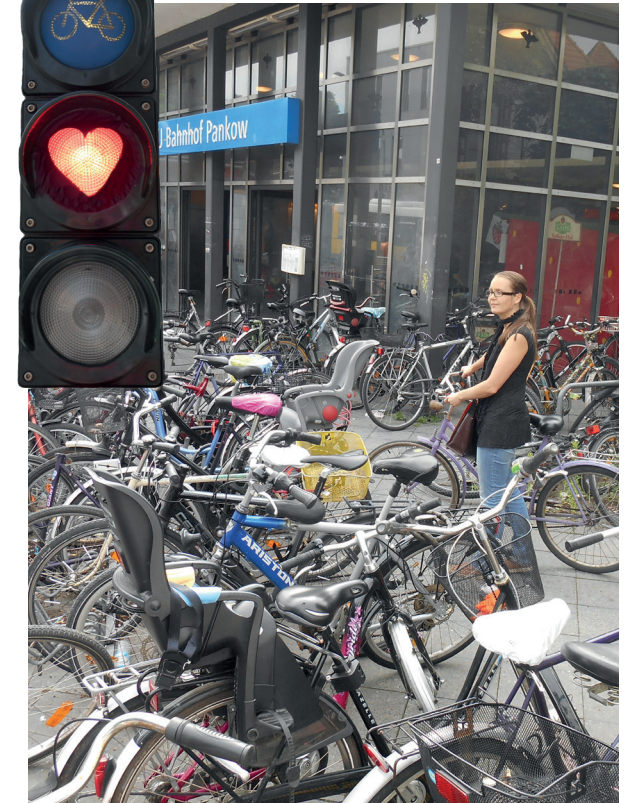
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Important rules and tips



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Advice for cyclists in Berlin

Cycle only where allowed!

- ✓ Cyclists must use the roads.
- ✓ Designated cycle paths with these traffic signs must be used!



- ✓ The use of non-designated cycle paths is voluntary!



Travelling on a cycle path in the wrong direction is prohibited, excepting areas with the additional sign “Radverkehr frei” (bicycles free).



Pedestrian zones: Cycling in pedestrian zones is prohibited, excepting areas with this additional sign.

- ✓ Cycling on **pavements** is generally prohibited. An exception applies to children: children under the age of 8 years **must** use the pavement, children under the age of 10 years **may** cycle on the pavement. A cyclist accompanying a child is allowed to use the pavement. The minimum age of the accompanying person is 16 years.

Show special consideration for pedestrians!

Cycling on pavements is a danger to yourself and to others. Vehicles entering or leaving property entrances and side streets do not expect cyclists on pavements. Cycling on pavements is irresponsible and inconsiderate of pedestrians!



Be especially careful when using a “bicycles free” **one-way-street** and cycling in the opposite direction.



You must dismount when using a **pedestrian crossing!**

Cycle responsibly!

- ✓ It is prohibited to cycle when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- ✓ Maintain your distance from parked vehicles as doors can be hazardous when being opened.
- ✓ Even if you have the right of way (Vorfahrt) – be aware of vehicles turning left or right! Be prepared to stop! Has the driver seen you? – If in doubt, stop.
- ✓ Use hand signaling clearly and timely when
 - turning,
 - overtaking,
 - changing lanes,
 - entering/exiting flowing traffic

Use eye contact to ensure the driver is aware of you!
Wear a helmet to avoid serious injury.