





Advocating for Safer Roads in Athens



Rights and Responsibilities of Drivers & Bicyclists

Mode of Transportation		
Legally a vehicle?	Yes - OCGA § 40-1-1(33)	Yes - OCGA § 40-1-1(75)
Must obey traffic laws?	Yes - OCGA § 40-6-1	Yes - OCGA § 40-6-291
Lighting	Cars must have lights on half-hour after sunset until half-hour before sunrise, when raining, and in poor visibility - OCGA § 40-8-20	At night, front of bike must have white light visible from 300 feet. Rear of bike must have red light visible from 300 feet OR red reflector - OCGA § 40-6-296(a)
Children	Children under 8 years must ride in approved car seat in rear of vehicle - OCGA § 40-8-76	Children under 16 must wear helmet - OCGA § 40-6-296 (d) (1)
Safe Passing	Give bicyclists 3 feet distance when passing - OCGA § 40-6-56	Ride as far to the right as practicable with exceptions - OCGA § 40-6-294(b)
Bike Lanes	Yield to bicyclist in bike lane - OCGA § 40-6-55	Must ride in same direction as traffic, even if in bike lane
Brakes	Must have brakes able to stop and control the car - OCGA § 40-8-50	Must have brakes which will make wheels skid on dry pavement - OCGA § 40-6-296(b)
Sidewalk		May not ride on sidewalk - OCGA § 40-6-144
Insurance	Required - OCGA § 40-6-10	Not required - Uninsured motorist coverage strongly recommended



We're trial lawyers. We help people who have been seriously injured and families who have lost a loved one. But more importantly, we want to prevent wrecks **before they happen**. That's why we're partnering with BikeAthens for this bike light giveaway.

Remember to always ride safe, look twice, and together, we can make Athens' roads safe for everyone.

