Communicate

State Law (IC 9-21-11-2) requires cyclists to obey all the same traffic laws as motorists. This means obeying all the same traffic laws as motorists, like stop signs and stop lights, and yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Use hand signals so that drivers know where you’re going. Signal all your turns and stops ahead of time. Also, before turning, look over your shoulder for any traffic. Check and only move when it’s safe.

Confirm your presence with motorists

Eye contact is good, a wave is even better. If you are unsure if a motorist sees you, use extra caution before proceeding.

See. Be seen. Be heard.

Use lights at night or when visibility is poor. A white headlight and rear red reflector or taillight are required by state law (IC 9-21-11-9). Flashing lights are especially effective.

Use bike reflectors, reflective clothing and a bell.

Never use earphones because you won’t be able to hear what’s going on around you. Using earphones is not only dangerous, it’s illegal.