
Bike Riding Safety Tips Around Cars (Louisiana)

Print this toolkit, keep it with your bike gear, and use it after any close call.

Quick Safety Rules (Before You Ride)

- Ride predictably and signal early; sudden moves cause most close calls.
- Use front and rear lights at dusk or dark, even in well-lit areas.
- Stay out of the door zone near parked cars; leave space for a door to swing open.
- Make eye contact at intersections and driveways when you can.
- Assume a driver may not see you; plan an escape path.

If a Car Hits You (or You Have a Close Call)

- Move to safety and call 911 if anyone may be hurt.
- Photograph the vehicles, bike, roadway, signals, and any debris.
- Get the driver's name, plate, and insurance, plus witness contacts.
- Ask nearby businesses or homes to save camera footage right away.
- Do not repair the bike or throw away damaged gear until photos are taken.

First 72 Hours: What to Save

- Your ride data (Strava/Garmin), route screenshots, and phone photos.
- Medical visit paperwork and a short daily symptom and function log.
- Receipts and time missed from work (even partial days).
- Any messages from the driver or insurer; do not delete them.

This toolkit is general information. Deadlines and fault rules can change; talk to a Louisiana lawyer about your facts.

Infographic: Evidence Blueprint

Use this checklist to preserve proof before it disappears.

**Bicycle Crash
Evidence Blueprint**
Safety + proof planning

1 Step 1: Get Safe
Call 911 if needed
Get driver info

**2 Step 2: Build a
Timeline + Map**
Note time + place

**3 Step 3: Capture
Road + Vehicle**
Photos + video

**4 Step 4: Track
Symptoms + Care**
Keep a daily log

**5 Step 5: Preserve
Bike + Gear**
Do not repair yet

**First 72 Hours
Checklist**

- Photos of scene
- Plate + insurance
- Witness names
- Ask for camera
- Save ride data
- Keep damaged gear
- Keep receipts
- Write a short log

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Infographic: Defense vs Evidence

These are common defense angles and the records that counter them.

Defense vs Evidence Common gaps + proof anchors	
Defense Angle	Evidence Anchor
"Low impact" "No real injury"	Bike + car damage photos and repair notes
"You were not visible" "Came out of nowhere"	Light + reflector proof photos at scene and ride gear
"You broke the rules" "Wrong lane"	Route map + lane markings plus witnesses
"No contact" "You fell alone"	Video + witness text and debris photos
"You are fine now" "No follow up care"	Symptom log and visit notes show function changes

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- We move quickly to preserve video, vehicle data, and the condition of your bike and gear.
- We build a timeline that ties roadway facts to your injuries and daily function.
- We plan for predictable insurance arguments early, so the record answers them.

What to Gather (If You Have It)

- Crash report number, photos, and the driver's insurance details.
- Names and numbers for witnesses and anyone who saved video.
- Your bike shop estimate and any receipts for gear or repairs.
- A short symptom and work-impact timeline.

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