

# TRAFFIC SAFETY

QUICK TIPS  
TO STAY SAFE  
ON STREETS



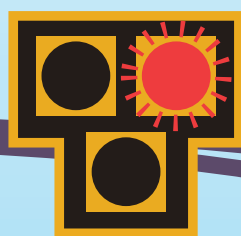
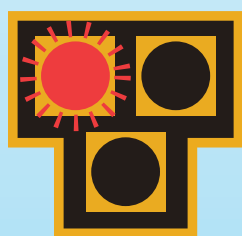
# How to use the **HAWK**

— **H**igh Intensity **A**ctivated Cross**W**alk —

## PEDESTRIANS








SEE THIS	DO THIS
 A circular sign with a white arrow pointing right on a black background, and a square sign with a white pedestrian silhouette on a black background.	<b>PUSH THE BUTTON</b>
 A square sign with a red hand silhouette on a black background.	<b>STOP &amp; WAIT</b> for the WALK symbol
 A square sign with a white pedestrian silhouette on a black background.	<b>START CROSSING</b> Always watch for cars
 A square sign with the number '09' in red on a black background, surrounded by radiating lines.	<b>FINISH CROSSING</b>



# DRIVERS



SEE THIS	DO THIS
	<b>DRIVE</b> Always look for people who plan to cross
 <b>FLASHING YELLOW</b>	<b>SLOW DOWN</b> A person has activated the push button
	<b>PREPARE TO STOP</b>
	<b>STOP</b> for pedestrian
 <b>FLASHING RED</b>	<b>STOP FIRST</b> Proceed with caution if no people are present

# CROSSING WITH THE RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON

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A **rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB)** is a form of traffic control that uses flashing yellow lights at a crosswalk to warn motorists of pedestrians or bicyclists waiting to cross or already crossing the street. A pedestrian pushes the button and the warning lights are activated, notifying motorists of activity in the crosswalk. RRFBs have been proven to improve the safety of pedestrian and bicyclist crossing locations.

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## THINGS FOR MOTORISTS TO REMEMBER

- **Always stop** for pedestrians and bicyclists that are entering or in the crosswalk.
- **Do not pass** another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk.
- Do not stop **within or block** a crosswalk.
- Remain stopped for pedestrians or bicyclists that are within the crosswalk, **regardless of whether the RRFB is activated.**
- Ensure that the **crosswalk is clear** before driving.

**FUN  
FACT**

Federal Highway  
Administration research  
indicates RRFBs

**INCREASE**  
driver yielding by  
**UP TO 88%**

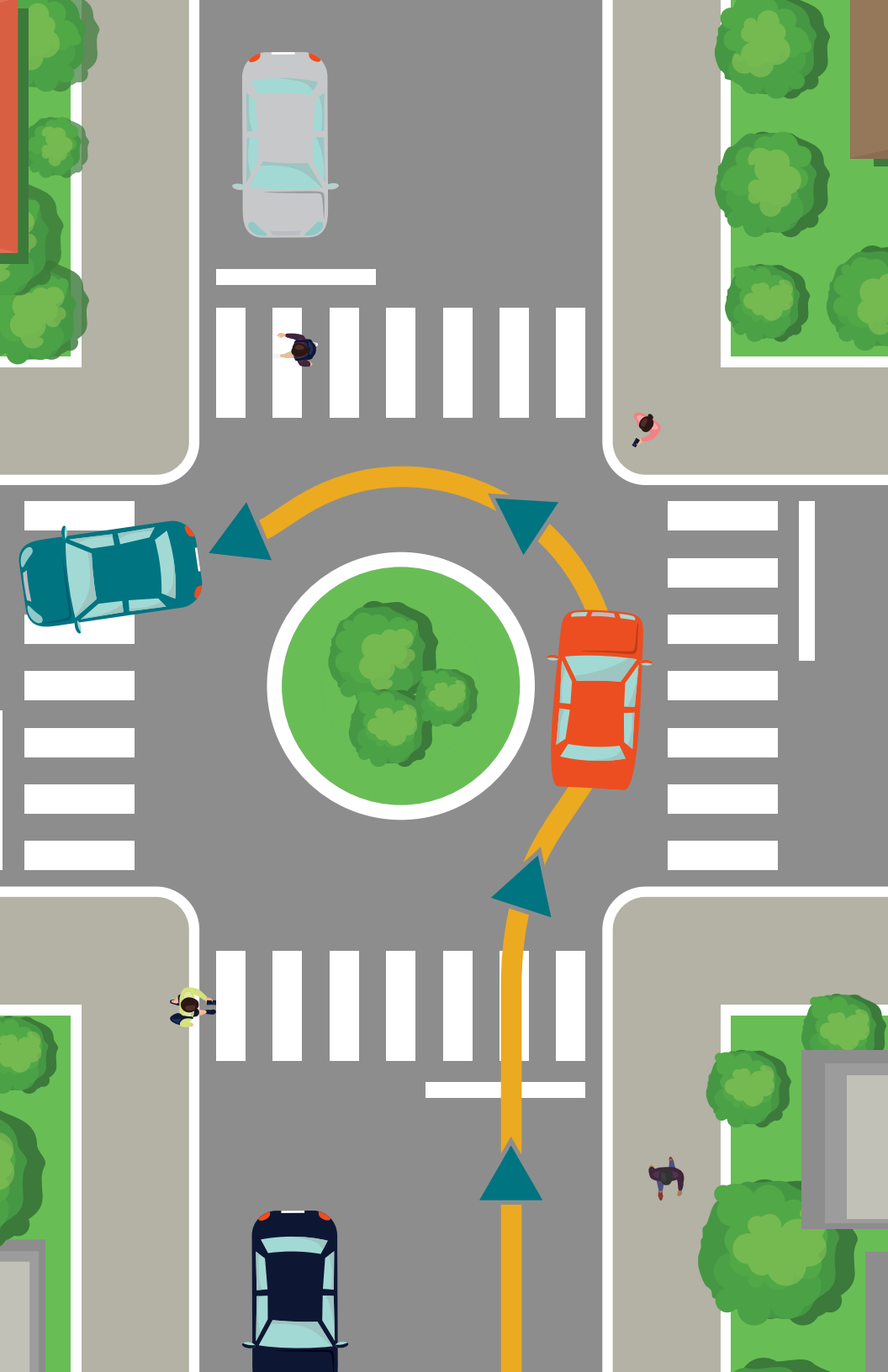


The background of the page is a stylized illustration of a neighborhood. It features several houses with different colored roofs (brown, red, grey) and green trees. The houses are arranged in a grid-like pattern, with some having windows and doors. The trees are scattered throughout the scene, adding to the suburban feel. The overall style is flat and colorful.

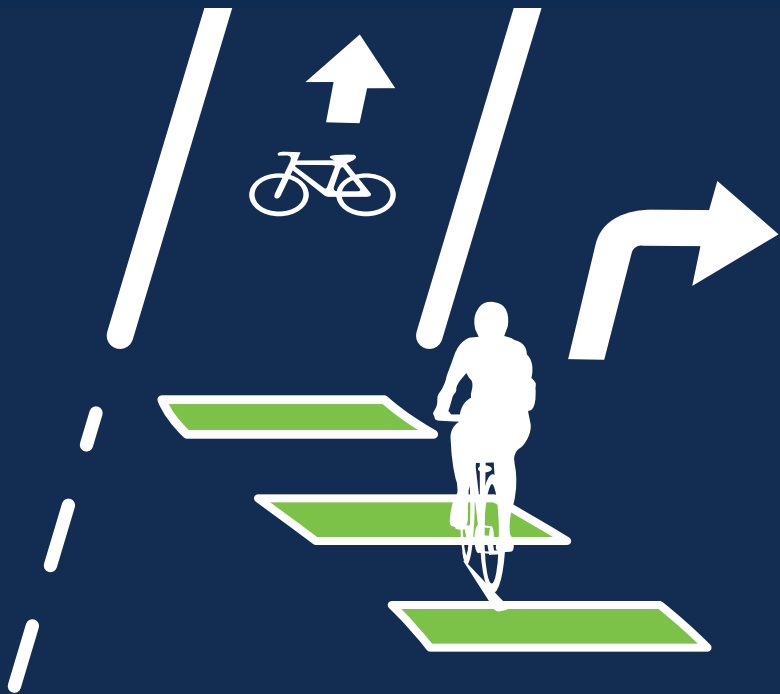
# NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CIRCLES

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1. **Slow down as you approach** the traffic circle.
2. Yield to **pedestrians and bicyclists** crossing the roadway.
3. Watch for **signs and/or pavement markings** that guide or prohibit certain movements.
4. Enter the traffic circle (heading to the right) when there is a big enough gap in traffic **to merge safely**.
5. Travel in a **counter-clockwise direction**. Do not stop or pass.
6. **Signal** when you change lanes or exit the traffic circle.
7. If you miss your exit, **continue around** until you return to your exit.



# GREEN CONFLICT ZONES FOR BICYCLISTS



Green paint along roadways promotes **awareness for bicyclists** crossing right turn lanes at intersections.

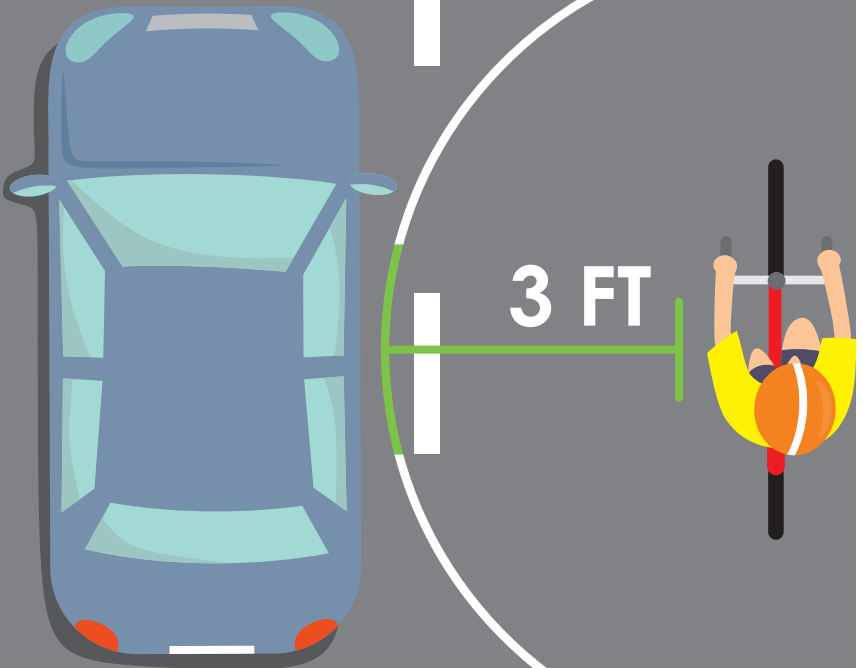
Motorists should **yield to a bicyclist** who is within the green conflict zone.





# THE 3 FOOT RULE

- In 2014, California passed a law which requires that drivers maintain a minimum **3-foot buffer** when passing a bicyclist.
- Bicyclists **do not** have to give cars 3-feet of space.
- State law does not guarantee drivers a right to pass whenever or wherever they want. Drivers may only pass another vehicle or a bicycle when it is **safe to do so**, and must slow down to a reasonable speed until it is safe to pass.
- If you're not sure how much room you're giving the bicyclist, remember that **"if you don't know for sure then you are probably too close."**





**WATCH FOR TRAINS**

ALWAYS BE ALERT AROUND  
**TRACKS AND TRAINS**

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The average train can take over a

**MILE TO STOP**

— That's 18 football fields —



ALWAYS  
**EXPECT A TRAIN**

# LOOK BOTH WAYS

TRAINS MAY STILL BE APPROACHING



— BE AWARE OF —

# QUIET ZONES

Train horns **may not sound** only until a hazard is present.

Be aware of your surroundings and **DO NOT** rely on train horns.



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