

## Motorist Tips

The Charlotte Department of Transportation encourages motorists to help prevent cyclist injuries. Please remember the following tips:

- Stay alert.
- Be predictable.
- Signal your turns well before an intersection so cyclists know where they need to be.
- Be patient.
- Avoid passing bicyclists just before a traffic signal or sign
- Do not honk unnecessarily.
- Cyclists can see and hear motor vehicles. Honking merely jars their nerves and may actually cause an accident.
- Give cyclists plenty of room to react. Cyclists have to respond to hazards that a motorist may not see (e.g., glass, storm grates, dogs, car doors). Follow and pass at a safe distance.
- Always look in your left side view mirror before you open a parked car door. Check for bicyclists to help prevent an accident.

