

Is the bicyclist...

...riding the same speed or faster than other traffic?

YES

NO

...passing a slow or stopped vehicle?

YES

NO

...preparing to turn left?

YES

NO

...in a lane that is too narrow to share?

YES

NO

...encountering unsafe conditions on the edge?

YES

NO

...approaching a driveway or intersection?

YES

NO

If the answer to ANY question is YES:

CVC 21202 does NOT require the bicyclist to ride far right

NOTES:

Passing on the left is a basic rule of movement.

It's illegal and unsafe to turn left from the right edge.

Normal width lanes are too narrow to share.

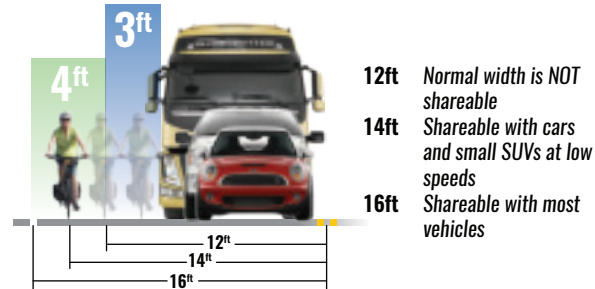
Unsafe conditions include (but are not limited to): Parked cars and the door zone, obstructions, pavement defects, broken glass and debris, standing water, ice, poor sight lines.

Right hooks are a threat anywhere right turns are authorized.

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If the answer to ALL questions is NO:

The bicyclist must ride as far to the right as practicable.



Understanding California Vehicle Code 21202

CVC 21202 Any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at that time shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway **except under any of the following situations:**

1. When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
3. When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions (including ... fixed or moving objects, vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or standard width lanes) that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge ... A "standard width lane" is a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.
4. When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized.