



Mogy Law NC Addresses Rising Bicycle Crash Data

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North Carolina recorded 864 bicycle crashes and 41 cyclist fatalities in 2023, the highest cyclist fatality count in recent years and a near-doubling from 2022, according to the North Carolina Department of Transportation's 2023 North Carolina Traffic Crash Facts report and the department's Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment. Wake County, home to Raleigh, accounted for one of the largest shares of statewide bicycle crash totals in those reports. In response to the reported increase, Mogy Law has published new guidance addressing the legal challenges facing cyclists across the region.

Raleigh's Vision Zero crash-ranking data identifies Capital Boulevard at Calvary Drive as the number-one ranked location statewide for pedestrian and cyclist crash risk, with New Bern Avenue at Trawick Road ranked second. Both corridors carry high-volume vehicular traffic across multi-lane arterials, where cyclist and pedestrian conflict points concentrate at signal-controlled intersections with limited protected crossing phases. These rankings are published in the City of Raleigh's Vision Zero high-injury network materials.

North Carolina law requires motor vehicle operators to provide a minimum of four feet of clearance when overtaking a cyclist on a public roadway, a statutory standard established under N.C. Gen. Stat. Section

20-149(b). When a driver violates this four-foot passing standard and strikes a cyclist, courts may treat that violation as negligence per se depending on the facts of the case and the applicable law, an approach that can support a liability argument by addressing duty and breach through the statutory violation itself. Outcomes in any individual claim depend on the specific circumstances and how the law is applied.

That legal foundation intersects with North Carolina's contributory negligence rule, which can bar recovery for a bicycle accident victim found even one percent at fault, depending on the facts established in the case. According to the Mogy Law NC Raleigh bicycle accident lawyer, insurance adjusters for at-fault drivers commonly examine whether a cyclist was operating without required lighting after dark, used available bike lane infrastructure, or complied with traffic signals, because such findings may affect or eliminate a claim under the state's contributory negligence standard.

Dooring incidents, in which a driver or passenger opens a vehicle door into the path of an oncoming cyclist, are among the cyclist injury types the firm reports handling on downtown Raleigh corridors including Fayetteville Street, Glenwood Avenue South, and Hillsborough Street adjacent to North Carolina State University. Dooring liability under North Carolina law generally runs against the person opening the door, though contributory negligence analysis may consider whether the cyclist maintained sufficient clearance from parked vehicles.

"North Carolina's four-foot safe passing statute can give a cyclist a negligence per se argument when a driver passes too closely, but adjusters often investigate whether the rider was without lights after dark, in the door zone, or outside marked bike lanes, because under the state's contributory negligence standard even a minor finding of fault can affect recovery," said Eric Mogy, Founding Attorney at Mogy Law. "When a partial-fault finding reduces a Raleigh cyclist's settlement, the firm's contingency structure is intended to leave more of any recovery with the injured rider."

Mogy Law represents Wake County cyclists on a flat 25 percent contingency fee. Additional detail is available from Mogy Law NC Raleigh bicycle accident lawyer resources published for injured riders across the region, and the firm's guidance is directed to those seeking a Raleigh bicycle accident lawyer following a crash.

Mogy Law is a personal injury law firm based in Raleigh, North Carolina, founded by attorney Eric Mogy, a Super Lawyers Rising Stars honoree and National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 member. The firm represents bicycle accident victims, car accident victims, motorcycle riders, truck accident survivors, and rideshare crash clients throughout Wake County and statewide North Carolina on a flat 25 percent contingency fee, with case evaluations available in English and Spanish.

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