Law Firm Rob Levine & Associates Publishes Article Educating Cyclists On Essential Rules To Follow On The Road

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Providence, Rhode Island based law firm Rob Levine & Associates has released a new article in honor of bicycle safety month. The article serves to remind cyclists about the rules they should follow to avoid accidents when they are out and about.

Riding a bike is great for one?s overall health and wellness. It is also a great way to reduce one?s carbon footprint and live an eco-friendly lifestyle in tune with the environment. However, it comes with its own risks, especially if careful attention is not paid to the rules of the road. Firstly, there is the inherent danger of a lack of protection on a bicycle that is afforded to those traveling in an enclosed vehicle. Second, vehicle riders tend to disregard the safety of cyclists by not giving them the safe distance they need. The article addresses both the issues and recommends safety tips to overcome both obstacles.

The article starts by saying that cyclists are subject to the same laws as all other drivers on the road. In the United States, it means that all riders must drive on the right side of the road only. Cyclists are also not entitled to a special right of way. They need to follow the same yielding practices as those riders who travel in

motor vehicles. This equal treatment also extends to the cyclists when it comes to following all the signs, signals, and markings on the street.

Cyclists are not necessarily required to use a bike lane when it is present. If a driving lane is wide enough, cyclists can share the lane with other vehicles by riding on the right side. If a driving lane is not wide enough to share, cyclists can utilize the whole section of the lane by riding in the middle of it.

The article then mentions that helmets are an absolutely essential part of being a bicycle rider. Every year, they save hundreds of lives from accidents that would have otherwise ended in tragedies. Though most states don?t require them, it is highly recommended to use one because one might never know when disaster might strike.

The article then gives a few examples of states where helmets are mandatory for different age groups. In Rhode Island, riders aged 15 years or under must wear a helmet while riding a bicycle, as an operator or passenger. In Massachusetts, riders aged 16 years or under must wear a helmet while riding a bicycle, as an operator or passenger. In Connecticut, riders aged 15 years or under must wear a helmet while riding a bicycle, as an operator or passenger.

Another tool at the bicycle rider?s disposal is the use of hand signals. They can help other riders on the road understand a cyclist?s intentions. This is very important as most accidents are a result of poor judgment and miscommunication. The cyclist should learn to anticipate their next move and give other riders on the road ample time to adjust. This extension of mutual respect to other riders on the road will go a long way towards preventing untoward incidents.

The cyclist can signal a left turn by fully extending the left arm straight out to the side, keeping the fingers straight. The cyclist can signal a right turn by extending the left arm to the side with the elbow at 90 degrees, the hand pointing upward, keeping the fingers straight. Another option to signal a right turn is to fully extend the right arm straight out to the side while keeping the fingers straight. If a cyclist wants to stop or slow down, they can signal so by either extending the left or right arm to the side with the elbow at 90 degrees, the hand pointing downwards, keeping the fingers straight, and the palm facing backward.

Any motor vehicle riders or bicyclists injured in a road accident can contact Rob Levine & Associates Personal Injury Lawyers to get the best legal representation for their case.
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