



IDOT INJURY PREVENTION REIMBURSEMENTS* FOR PARTICIPATING DRIVER'S ED CLASSES

***\$2 per student.**

Funding provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Dear Driver Education Department Head or instructor,

Are you teaching your students how to avoid common car-bicycle crash types? Are they learning details of all the relevant state laws? Too many motorists (and bike riders!) have only superficial knowledge on the topic. Ride Illinois, a statewide bicycle organization working with IDOT to improve safety of cyclists and motorists on the road, has an easy way to help.

Thanks to IDOT's Injury Prevention funding, we are reimbursing high school and driver education programs \$2 per student, for staff time, to use our **free**, online plug-and-play BikeSafetyQuiz.com lesson as a 15-30 minute computer assignment. The amount of the reimbursement mini-grant is based on the number of students using BSQ from October 2018 through September 2019. To apply, fill out the simple online form at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BSQ19>

More than 100 Illinois driver education programs have used our BikeSafetyQuiz.com website, with very good reviews. The IHSCDEA- and Secretary of State-approved Driver Ed module has 26 multiple-choice questions and interactive responses to teach your students about safe and legal driving around bicycles.

We make it very easy for instructors to assign our quiz website lesson, setting it up for your class(es), giving you simple instructions, and being available if any help is needed.

Apply soon, as we have limited funding available. Selections will be made based on your number of students and on the density of injuries from car-bicycle crashes in your area.

Thanks in advance for helping to close an educational gap and making roads safer.

Sincerely,

Ed Barsotti, Chief Programs Officer

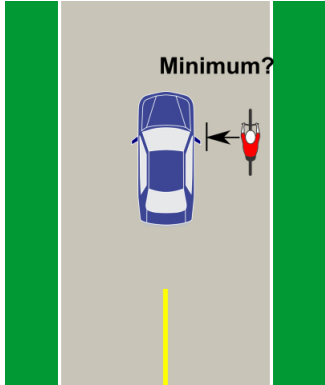
P.S. Try out the quiz yourself! You'll see that it's a great teaching tool.

"Great resource!" – Mahomet-Seymour HS instructor Brian Schwarzentraub

***"We love the web site and are glad that our students can use it as a resource."
– O'Fallon Township HS Driver Education Coordinator Kristi Mueller***

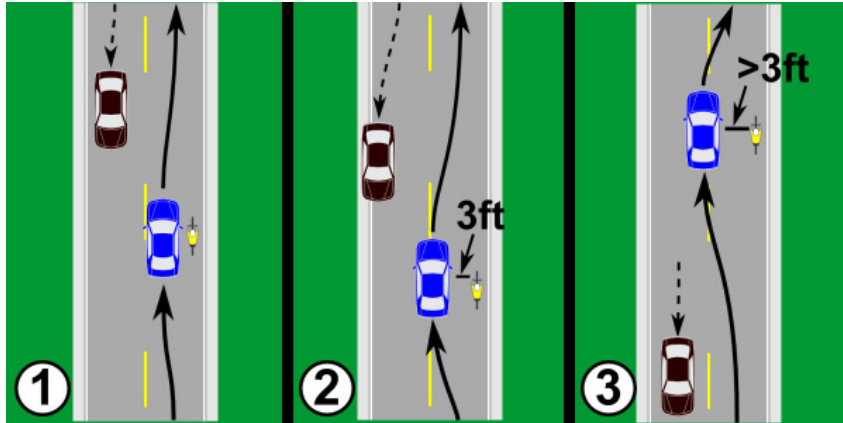
Sample BikeSafetyQuiz.com Questions

When a motorist passes a bicyclist, what is the minimum legal distance (clearance) to leave between vehicle and bike?



- A** AT LEAST 3 feet (from the end of your side mirror)
- B** AT LEAST 1 foot (from the end of your side mirror)
- C** AT LEAST 10 feet
- D** There is no legal minimum distance defined. Use common sense.

On most roads, like the one shown, the lanes are too narrow for a vehicle to stay in the lane and pass a bike with at least (the minimum legal) 3 feet clearance. What should the blue car's driver do here?



- 1** Gently tap on the horn to let the cyclist know you're going to pass, and then carefully do so, staying in your lane.
- 2** Pass by moving slightly over into the oncoming lane, leaving at least 3 feet from the cyclist - and trusting that the oncoming vehicle will move to the right edge of his lane.
- 3** Wait for the oncoming vehicle to pass, then move at least partially over into the next lane to pass the cyclist by more than 3 feet.

Can Your Students Answer These Questions Correctly?