

# **Driving Safely Among Bicyclists - TEACHER'S GUIDE**

## ***A Traffic Safety Education module using the "Share the Road" video from the L.I.B. (League of Illinois Bicyclists)***

### **Objectives:**

- To teach drivers how to fulfill their legal obligation to safely share the road with bicyclists.
- To identify for drivers the unique safety risks that bicyclists present so as to reduce conflicts, injuries, and fatalities.

### **Materials:**

1. The 6:49-minute Share the Road DVD
2. A 10-question student test (page 2 of this guide) to be copied for each student, administered and discussed.
3. Answers to the Driving Safely Among Bicyclists test (pages 3-5 of this guide) for teachers to use during Test discussion.
4. A take-home color pamphlet with bicycle safety driving tips.

### **Method:**

- Play the video (7 minutes).
- Administer the test (8 minutes).
- Discuss each test question and answer (15 minutes).
- Hand out the color take-home pamphlet (1 minute).

### **Background for Teachers:**

Drivers and bicyclists both get where they're going safely when they share the road and follow the same traffic rules. Both have rights to be on the road and with those rights come obligations. Drivers and bicyclists must observe speed limits, stop at traffic lights and stop signs, signal when changing lanes, yield the right-of-way and maintain safe distances from all vehicles, including bicycles.

Robbie Ventura, a retired professional bicyclist, former teammate of Lance Armstrong and now a successful cycling and fitness instructor, narrates the video, "*Share the Road - Same Road, Same Rules, Same Rights.*" The video shows how drivers can share the road with bicyclists.

Hundreds of bicyclists are killed and thousands are injured annually on our nation's roadways in crashes with motor vehicles. Car-bike crashes involving adult cyclists – who represent 70 percent of the fatalities – are most often caused by driver error. Dangerous, common mistakes by drivers and cyclists alike can be reduced significantly through education and training.