



You're driving down a hill on a two-lane road running through a residential area. The photograph shows the view from the driver's seat, as you start heading downhill, and you're about to go through a traffic light in front of an elementary school. You can see a pedestrian and a cyclist on the sidewalk on the left.



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What should you be looking at right now?

ANSWER

You should be watching what the cyclist on the sidewalk does next.

As you can see, the cyclist on the sidewalk suddenly popped out into the road, almost resulting in a collision. Of course, the cyclist should not have come out into the road without checking first, but some cyclists do perform dangerous manoeuvres like this. When you looked at the first photograph, you should have noticed the

person waiting to cross at the light and the car parked on the sidewalk further down the road, and predicted that the cyclist may come out into the road to avoid the pedestrian and parked car.

Bicycle accidents by violation



Reference: Institute for Traffic Accident Research and Data Analysis

Common cyclist violations

Depending on the situation, many cyclists ride both on the road and on shared pedestrian-bicycle paths, but suddenly coming out into the road is dangerous. Accidents in which cyclists failed to check for safety are common (see chart), so they should always check before going out onto the road.

