

## In Case of Emergency or Collision:

- Check for injuries.
- Move off the roadway to a place of safety.
- Contact 9-1-1 to request appropriate emergency assistance (police/fire/ambulance). Provide as much detail as possible about your emergency to the dispatcher, including your **specific location**.
- Continue rendering first aid to injured parties, if necessary.

## Road Rage:

Road rage is the product of anger from one or more people who share a roadway. Incidents of road rage may involve verbal threats and/or physical violence. Depending on the actions of those involved, arrest and/or criminal charges may be laid by police for one or all of the parties. Think before you act.

- Take a moment to compose yourself to responding to any incident that aggravates you. Realize that your emotions and those of another may be running high.
- If you are operating a motor vehicle, remain in it to limit your exposure to an angry party. Speak through an opening in your window if confronted.
- If operating a bicycle, place distance between yourself and the other person involved.
- Do not engage with involved parties if you feel your safety may be in jeopardy.
- Contact 9-1-1 for assistance, if necessary.

## Additional Safety Tips:

Additional motorist and cyclist safety tips are available online at [www.haltonpolice.ca](http://www.haltonpolice.ca) in the *Community Policing* section under *Safety & Security Tips*.



## Report Unsafe Incidents:

Record as many details of the incident as possible (e.g. date, time, location, vehicle descriptor, licence plate, etc.) and submit online at [www.haltonroadwatch.ca](http://www.haltonroadwatch.ca).

## Additional Resources:

[www.sharetheroads.ca](http://www.sharetheroads.ca)

For more information contact:

### Halton Regional Police Service

905-878-5511 or 905-825-4777

[www.haltonpolice.ca](http://www.haltonpolice.ca)



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# Safely Sharing Halton's Roadways



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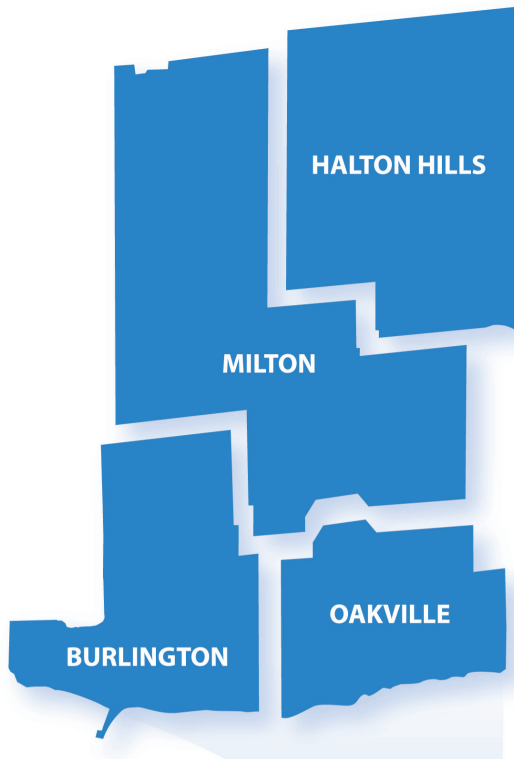
## Cycling in Halton:

With urban expansion taking place in the south end of Halton Region and to the east in Peel Region, our area has become a haven for outdoor cycling enthusiasts eager to test themselves with long-distance riding. Cycling routes stretch from the lakeshore to the top end of Halton Hills. It has scenic lengths of urban and rural roads coupled with challenging routes through escarpment bluffs and ravines.



Halton Regional Police Service officers routinely patrol North Halton roadways to ensure public safety.

## Halton Region at a Glance:



## Motorist Highway Traffic Act Responsibilities:

- Drivers must obey the traffic laws as outlined in the Highway Traffic Act (HTA), including stop/traffic signs, traffic lights, right of way, etc.
- Bicycles are considered vehicles under the HTA. They are allowed to travel on Halton roadways and should be respected.
- Motorists must allow cyclists sufficient room on the roadway to pass (Sec. 148 (4)).
- Drivers shall not attempt to pass cyclists unless the roadway in front and to the left is free of approaching and other overtaking traffic (Sec. 148 (8)).

## Motorist Tips:

- SHARE THE ROADWAY.
- Always ensure ample space when passing cyclists as wind gusts and road conditions can cause cyclists to move sideways.
- Be vigilant for cyclists everywhere you drive during the warm weather months.
- Be patient. Waiting 20-30 seconds may prevent a road rage incident or collision.

## Cyclist Highway Traffic Act Responsibilities:

### Bicycles are vehicles under the HTA:

- Cyclists must obey HTA traffic laws, including stop/traffic signs, traffic lights, right of way, etc.
- Bicycles move slower than motor vehicles. Cyclists must turn out to the right and allow motor vehicles to pass (Sec. 147 (6)).
- Bicycles must be equipped with a bell, gong or horn to notify pedestrians of their approach, if necessary (Sec. 75 (5)).
- Cyclists shall use hand signals to alert others of changes in direction (Sec. 142 (4)).

## Cyclist Tips:

- SHARE THE ROADWAY.
- Maximize your visibility. Wear reflective/multi-coloured clothing/cycling gear. Install front/rear reflectors/flashing lights on your bicycle. Lead and rear bicycles should have signal flags.
- Ride with at least one other cyclist. If riding alone, inform an emergency contact of your route and times in the event you are injured and are unable to get help.
- Always carry a communications device for use in an emergency. You may not be able to reach nearby help, if required.
- Familiarize yourself with your route in advance. Be aware of potential hazards such as blind corners/poor road conditions, and traffic patterns. This reduces the chance of becoming disoriented and allows you to convey accurate information to emergency personnel, if needed.
- Carry a portable first aid kit on your person or on the frame of your bicycle.
- Always carry personal identification.