



# IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CYCLISTS

It is dangerous and illegal to allow the police to make up laws. You do not need a permit to ride your bike. Here are some of the actual traffic laws which apply to bicycles in New York City:

- **VTL §1231:** Every person riding a bicycle or skating or gliding on in-line skates upon a roadway shall be granted **all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties** applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this title, except... as to those provisions of this title which by their nature can have no application.
- **34 RCNY §4-12(p)** Whenever a usable path or lane for bicycles has been provided, bicycle riders shall use such path or lane only **except under any of the following situations:**
  - When preparing for a turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
  - When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, motor vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, pushcarts, animals, surface hazards, that make it unsafe to continue within such bicycle path or lane.

SO—as long as you obey all traffic laws (stop at red lights, etc.) you have the **right to ride**.

