

Bicyclists - Don't ride in the "Door Zone"



You don't want to hit a pedestrian walking out of a door next to the sidewalk.

Bicyclists are generally allowed to ride on sidewalks in Madison except where buildings abut the sidewalk. This includes areas like State Street and the Capitol Square, University Ave, as well as many neighborhood business areas such as along Monroe St, Williamson St, Atwood Ave, E Johnson St, S Park St, and others. In addition to the "door zone" issue, these sidewalks tend to have a lot of foot traffic making it safer for everyone if bicyclists do not ride on these sidewalks. In these areas please either use the adjacent street, a parallel street or path, or dismount and walk your bicycle if you feel you must use the sidewalk.

Where bicyclists are allowed to use sidewalks, remember that you always have to give pedestrians the right of way on sidewalks. When approaching a pedestrian from behind, slow down, then let the pedestrian know you are there by either gently ringing a bell or saying something like "excuse me". Wait for the pedestrian to react before passing.



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