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Driver: “Get out of my way.” “You are supposed to be in a bike lane.”

NYS §1234: Bicyclists must ride in bike lanes, on paved shoulders, or on the curb UNLESS there is no bike lane or shoulder, or there are hazards which make it unsafe to ride at the curb. Bicyclists may take the lane if the traffic lane is too narrow to share with another vehicle safely.

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Driver: “If you ride a bike, you have to watch out. You have to yield to cars.”

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