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# How to Avoid Getting Doored?

## THE DOOR ZONE:

The three or four feet next to parked cars in which you could get hit by opening doors.

## Why you might ride in the door zone:

### FASTER THAN TRAFFIC

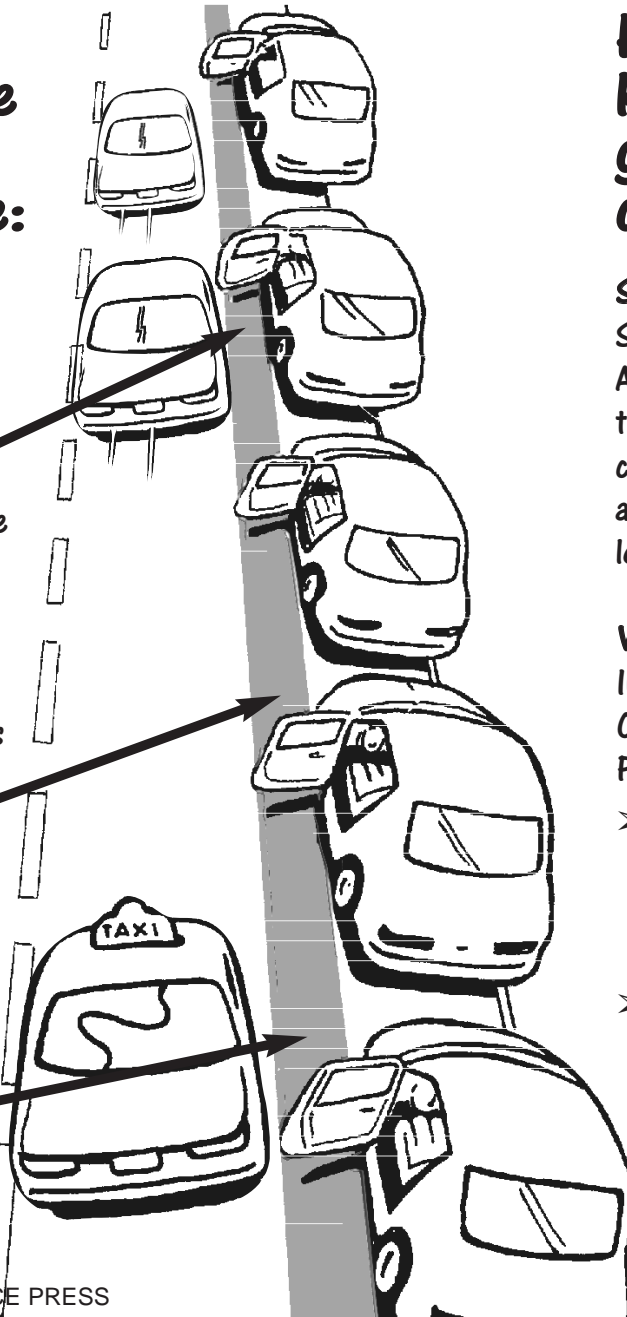
You ride faster than traffic, and the only room to pass lies within the door zone.

### BIKE LANES

The street has a bike lane that runs alongside parked cars—putting you right in the door zone.

### PASSING STOPPED CARS

A taxi or delivery vehicle stops in traffic, so you pass on the right.



## How to keep from getting doored:

### SAFEST: RIDE OUTSIDE THE DOOR ZONE

Always ride at least three feet from parked cars. And when riding in a bike lane, ride at the left edge of the lane.

### VIGILANT: LOOK INSIDE EACH PARKED CAR BEFORE YOU PASS IT. THEN:

- If you can see inside and spot no occupants, pass in the door zone.
- If you can't see inside, or you spot someone inside, move outside the door zone, or slow down and pass carefully.

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**Mr. Bike** sez: Want more tips on street riding? Find 'em in my book *Urban Bikers' Tricks & Tips*. Ask for it at bookstores and bike shops, call 800/888-4741, or go to [www.mrbike.com](http://www.mrbike.com).