

# SONOCO *Near Miss!*



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Activity: Bicycle Safety Awareness

## **What Happened:**

I was pulling out of the driveway from work onto LA 24. This is a right-turn onto a one-way highway. As I was about to turn, a cyclist was coming from my right – against the flow of traffic – and about to cross my path.

I stepped on my brakes and was able to stop before striking the rider. Whew!

## **Why it Happened:**

- Bicyclist was riding in violation of the law – against traffic
- Bicyclist did not yield right of way as he should have in this case (against traffic)
- I did not check traffic to my right before proceeding into the roadway

## **Typical Hazards:**

- Running into a pedestrian or cyclist
- Running into another vehicle

## **Corrective Actions:**

I now look BOTH ways before entering the roadway. Even though the bicyclist may be in the wrong, that will be little comfort to me if I injure or kill someone because I wasn't paying attention.

