

BICYCLE SAFETY INFORMATION

Rules of the Road

Ride on the right – Always ride with the flow of traffic; never ride against traffic. Ride in the right-most lane that goes in the direction of your destination. Yield to faster moving vehicles by staying to the right in the lane. Ride in the right third of the lane.

Use signals – Always use signals to indicate your intentions to switch lanes.

Allow yourself room to maneuver around roadway hazards. Some common obstacles include puddles, gravel, and changes in the road surface. Don't ride too close to parked cars; doors can open suddenly.

Sharing the Path

Respect other trail users including walkers, joggers, roller bladers, and wheelchairs.

Clearly announce “on your left” when passing and warn others well in advance.

Yield to traffic at places where the trail crosses the road.

Slow down before intersections and when entering the trail from the road.

Ride single file to avoid collisions with other trail users.

Travel in a straight line unless you are avoiding hazards or passing.

Use lights at night; use a white front and a red rear light.

Most paths are not designed for high speed traffic; keep in mind their recreational nature.

Sharing the Road

Information for Cyclists

The same laws that apply to motorists apply to cyclists.

Obey all traffic control devices.

Use hand signals to indicate stops and turns.

Always wear a properly fitting helmet.

Follow Rules of the Road

Ride in a straight line.

Don't swerve in the road or between parked cars.

Check for traffic before entering street or intersection.

Anticipate hazards and adjust your position accordingly.

Use a white front light in low light conditions.

Use a red rear light in low light conditions.

Use a reflector or reflective tape or clothing anytime.

Make eye contact with motorists.

Information for Motorists

Drive Cautiously:

- Reduce speed when encountering cyclists.
- Don't tailgate.
- Recognize hazards cyclists may face and give them space.

Yield to Cyclists:

- Bicycles are considered vehicles.
- Cyclists should be given the appropriate right of way.
- Allow extra time for cyclists to traverse intersections.

Be Considerate:

- Scan for cyclists in traffic and at intersections.
- Do not blast your horn in close proximity to cyclists.
- Look for cyclists when opening doors.

Pass with Care:

- When passing, leave four feet between you and a cyclist.
- Wait for safe road and traffic conditions before you pass.
- Check over your shoulder before moving back.

Watch for Children:

- Children on bicycles are often unpredictable.
- Expect the unexpected and slow down.
- Don't expect children to know traffic laws.
- Because of their size, children can be harder to see.

Bicycle Safety Information from the League of American Bicyclists