
WoW! Bicycle Safety Basics



Top 10 Bicycle Safety Rules

1. Always wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet to protect your head - every time you ride.
2. Use a bicycle that is the appropriate size for you, not one that is too big.
3. Before you ride make sure you don't have any loose clothing, drawstrings, or shoelaces; they can get caught in your chain and make you fall.
4. Make sure your bike is maintained - do an ABC Quick Check (air/brakes/chain/quick release) daily.
5. Wear bright clothes so others can see you at all times of the day.
6. Stay alert at all times. Pay attention and watch for cars, people and other bicyclists around you.
7. Scan over your shoulder to see vehicles behind you, especially when turning left.
8. Learn and use hand signals so other road users know what you intend. Follow the rules of the road.
9. Before you enter any street or intersection check for traffic by looking left-right-left to make sure no cars or trucks are there.
10. Don't bicycle at night. If you must, make sure your bike has reflectors and lights and wear retro-reflective materials on your ankles, wrists, back and helmet.

Rules of the Road

1. When riding in the road, always ride on the right hand side (same direction as traffic).
2. Obey traffic laws, including all the traffic signs and signals.
3. Ride predictably—ride in a straight line, don't weave in and out of traffic.
4. When riding on a sidewalk—show respect for the people walking on the sidewalk. Ring your bell to let them know you are coming and always pass them on the left.
5. Look for debris on your route that could cause you to fall off your bicycle, like trash, stones, toys.



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