

RIDE SAFE

Bicycle Laws & Safety Tips

SAFE RIDING TIPS

Be sure your bicycle is in good repair:

- Tighten the seat and make sure it is properly adjusted to your height
- Tighten the handlebars
- Tighten and lubricate the chain
- Check and adjust brakes frequently
- Keep the tires properly inflated

Avoid riding your bicycle in certain conditions:

- During rain
- At dawn or dusk
- At night
- In fog
- In heavy traffic

If you must ride your bicycle at night, at dusk or at dawn, you must have front headlights and a rear-flashing red light

- Wear light colored clothing and reflective strips on clothing and on your shoes

Bicyclists must obey the same traffic laws as motor vehicles when riding on a roadway

Put extra reflectors on bicycle wheels, pedals and the front and rear of the frame

Always ride with the flow of traffic instead of against the flow of traffic

Always wear a helmet

COMMON BICYCLE LAW VIOLATIONS

- Standing on the seat or frame (stunt riding)
- Riding at night without proper lighting
- Having faulty brakes or no brakes
- Failing to obey traffic laws
- Carrying passengers on handlebars or foot pegs
- Failing to keep at least one hand on the handlebars
- Riding without a helmet (under the age of 16)
- Failing to yield to pedestrians
- Jumping ramps or popping wheelies on a roadway
- Wearing a headset, headphone or other listening device
- Failing to obey traffic control devices
- Towing passengers on roller blades, skates or skateboards
- Operating in a reckless or careless manner

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KEEPING YOUR BIKE SECURE

Keep a record of the following about your bicycle:

Make: _____

Model: _____

Serial Number: _____

Color: _____

Optional Equipment: _____

Special Characteristics: _____

Follow these tips to reduce the chances of having your bicycle stolen:

The serial number is usually found stamped on the frame of the bicycle; however, the location can vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Record all numbers found on the bicycle frame.

A personal identification number of your choice may be engraved onto the frame as well. It is suggested that you use a unique number such as a driver's license number.

A quality bicycle lock should be placed through the bike frame whenever the bicycle is not in use. This also includes time when the bicycle is left in a school bike rack.

When a bike rack is not available, the bicycle should be securely locked to a fixed object if possible.

If your bicycle is stolen call the Collier County Sheriff's Office at 239-252-9300.

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