

IDENTIFICATION

Take the following steps for extra protection:

1. Locate the serial number on the bicycle. It is usually stamped on the bottom of the crank hanger, on the seat tube, or on the outside of the left chain stay.
2. Record the serial number and keep it in a safe place together with the sales receipt and a photograph of the bicycle.
3. Engrave your parent's or your own driver's license number on the frame, so it cannot be rubbed off by a thief. Most law enforcement agencies will loan you a small electronic engraver for this purpose.
4. If your bicycle is stolen, report it to the police immediately. Visit your local police station to check any stolen bicycles that have been turned in.
5. If your area has a bicycle registration program, be sure to use it.

TRAFFIC SIGNS

STOP SIGNS are posted at each busy street, or at corners where criss-crossing traffic may meet. They're a warning for all cars and bicycles too, to stop and proceed when it's safe to go through .



YIELD SIGNS tell you to slow down (and, why?) so you can let passing traffic go by! They are put up to warn you, they're signs you must heed; they tell you to wait 'till it's safe to proceed.



ONE WAY SIGNS are put up to show the direction in which all traffic must go; and whether you're riding on four wheels or two, obeying this sign is what you must do.



PEDESTRAIN CROSSING SIGNS make it clear, that folks are crossing the street around here. So pay attention to what the sign says, and ride nice and slow while Looking both ways.



BI CYCLE SAFETY

BIKE RIDERS GUIDE



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CYCLE SENSE

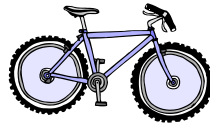
Bike Driving is a lot of fun...great exercise and economical transportation. But remember, you're not alone on the road. Other bike riders, pedestrians and motorists present potential risks for accidents. This bike rider's Cycle Safety Guide will help you avoid accidents by keeping you focused on safety and common sense in the street.



USE YOUR HEAD....

Use your head to ride safe...not to land on if you fall from your bike. The smart way to use your head is by putting a safety helmet on it. Make sure it fits right. If it's too loose it won't protect you. You can make it nice and snug with adjusting pads, available at your local bike shop.

BIKE SAFETY CHECK LIST



1. Keep seat adjusted correctly, so that knee flexes slightly when pedal is at lowest point.
2. Make sure seat is solid and locked tight.
3. Be sure tires are properly inflated and spokes are tight and straight.
4. Check brakes for even braking power and safe braking distance.
5. Sprocket and chain must be oiled and tight.
6. Chain guard protects against catching pant legs or other loose clothing in chain.
7. Pedals must be secure and not wobble.
8. Handle bar should have a horn and a rear view mirror.
9. Headlight should be mounted on front fender or handle bars.
10. Be sure to install reflectors on rear of bike and on spokes.

BIKE SAFELY

Remember, your bike is not a toy, It is a vehicle on the road and is subject to traffic laws and rules of safe conduct.

1. While riding in the street, go in the same direction as traffic, but stay far over to the right side of the road.
2. Never ride two persons on one bicycle..
3. Stop at every red light, just like a car. Always look to the right, left, and right again before proceeding into an intersection.
4. It would be best not to ride after dark, but if you do, wear light colored clothes and use a light on your bike.
5. Have all major bicycle repairs done by a trained bicycle mechanic.
6. Never carry any objects in your hands. Use a carrying rack or backpack.
7. Be alert for road hazards such as; pot holes, sewer grates, and loose gravel.