**Bicycle Safety Tips**

- **Keep it maintained.** Routine maintenance is simple and can prevent accidents. Check your brakes, tires, & use lights/reflectors when dark.

- **Be visible.** For your safety you should wear a helmet, bright or reflective clothing, & use lights/reflectors when dark.

- **Stay alert.** Riding can be dangerous. Use headphones, cell phones, or other electronic devices while riding can be dangerous.

- **Lock it up.** A new bike is more expensive than a bike lock. Be sure to lock your bike when it is unattended.

- **Use hand signals.** Hand signals tell others what you intend to do. Use them to communicate with others & protect yourself.

- **Yield to pedestrians & wheelchair users.** Ride as near to the right side of the pathway as possible & pass on the left. Give an audible signal when passing.

- **Obey all laws.** Watch your speed and obey all traffic laws, signs, & signals; including those on streets & on pathways.

- **Don’t ride against traffic.** You can’t see signs, signals when riding against traffic & drivers may not see you.

- **Use a bell or horn.** Subtle signals can be harder for drivers to hear & interpret. A bell or horn will alert drivers to your presence.

- **Watch for right-turning traffic.** Watch for any indication that a driver may turn into your path.

- **Watch your speed & signals.** Be predictable. Follow all traffic laws & stop when approaching a red light or stop sign. Look both ways before continuing.

- **Yield to pedestrians.** Yield to the right of the path whenever possible & pass on the left. Give an audible signal when passing.

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