

Bicycle Safety

Rules of the Road

1. Obey all traffic signs and signals, street markings, and regulations. *
2. Obey all the local laws pertaining to bicycles.
3. Ride your bicycle on the right side of the roadway only. Always ride with the traffic, not against it, and ride in a single file. *
4. Use proper hand signals at least 100 feet prior to making a turn or stopping. *
5. Sit on the bicycle seat only. *
6. Do not carry more than one person on a bicycle designed for one person. Carry packages in luggage carriers so that they do not interfere with your vision or control. *
7. Slow down, look, and listen at all intersections and alleys. Give automobiles and pedestrians the right-of-way and walk your bicycle across busy streets. *
8. Watch out for car doors that are opening or for cars that are pulling into traffic from alleys and other roadways.
9. Never hitch a ride on a truck or other vehicle. *
10. At night, be seen! If you ride your bicycle at night, make sure you have a proper headlight, a red rear reflector, and side reflectors. Wear white or reflective clothing at night. *
11. Drive your bicycle only on sidewalks, authorized streets, and highways. Bicycles are not allowed on high-speed freeways and interstate roadways.
12. Use bicycle paths where they are provided, but always yield to pedestrians. *
13. Keep both hands on the handlebars, except when signaling, and then keep one hand on the handlebar.*
14. Never weave in and out of traffic. Do not ride too closely behind a car or truck. *
15. Drive a safe bike. Keep your bicycle in good condition, and have it inspected to insure proper mechanical performance and operation with proper safety equipment.
16. Drive your bike defensively and watch out for the other guy.
17. Never ride a bicycle while wearing a headset, head phone or other listening device. *
18. A bicycle rider or passenger under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted, fastened securely, and meets a nationally recognized standard. (Section 316.2065(2), (3), (7), (8), and (14), F.S.)

* These rules are bicycle laws as listed in the Florida Drivers Handbook.