Bicyclist Safety

Rights and Responsibilities

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- Always Wear an Approved Helmet
- Always have your helmet fitted and adjusted properly.
- Use Lights and Reflectors at Night
- State law requires a white light visible for 500 feet and a red light visible for 600 feet at night. A flashing red light is recommended. More reflectors and stronger lights make the bicyclist more visible to motorists.
- Reflective clothing and accessories are present.
- Use a bell or horn.
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- Always Ride with Traffic
- Always keep to the right and ride with traffic.
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- Watch for Cars
- Watch for cars pulling into traffic from parking spaces, driveways and intersecting streets. Make eye contact to assess angles. It is not necessary to use a bike lane or paved shoulder or bike lane where available.
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