

CYCLIST SAFETY TIPS

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Tips for Staying Safe

1. Ride defensively and be alert!
2. No texting while riding.
3. Don't assume drivers see you. Make eye contact before turning or moving through intersections.
4. Watch out for slippery, wet leaves and pavement when riding.
5. Ride in a straight line on the road so the drivers can see you and expect you from a distance.
6. Keep at least three feet away from parked cars (to avoid getting hit by a car door).
7. Wear bright colored, reflective clothing when riding.
8. Display a white light on the front of your bike, and a red light on the back of your bike to increase visibility.
9. No side-by-side riding on narrow streets.
10. Yell "on your left/right" when passing another cyclist or pedestrian to signify where you are.
11. Keep your hands on the handlebars as much as possible.
12. Don't use ear buds/listen to music when riding.
13. Use a helmet, light, and mirror when riding.
14. Check your bike for maintenance issues before your ride.
15. Always lock your bike when it is parked.

Traffic Laws

1. Wear a properly strapped and buckled helmet at all times.
2. Ride in the same direction as traffic.
3. Stop at all stop signs and obey traffic signals.
4. Only 1 ear bud is allowed while riding.
5. Use correct hand signals when making turns and stopping.
6. Walk your bikes in crosswalks.
7. Riding on sidewalks is only permitted for children ages 12 and under in Cupertino.
8. When a road is too narrow to allow bikes and cars side-by-side safely, a cyclist can legally take the lane.
9. Pedestrians have the right of way in crosswalks, on walkways, and on paths.
10. Do not advance across a crosswalk until pedestrians are successfully across.
11. Yield to other roadway users that have the right-of-way.
12. Always lock your bike when it is parked.

