Hand Signals

Use proper hand signals so that motorist and pedestrians know when and where you are turning.

Hand signals. *(Use left hand.)*

Left Turn - Arm straight out, palm forward or finger pointing out.

Right Turn - Arm lifted up, hand straight up or point upwards

Stop - Hand low, palm towards the back.

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Bicycle Safety Tips

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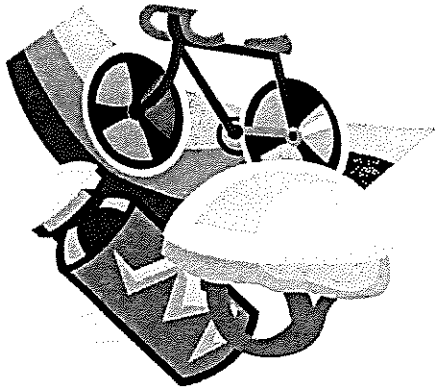

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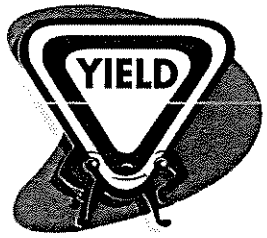
Bike Safety Basics

Rules of the Road

1. Automobile rules of the road apply to bicycles
2. Obey all traffic signs and signals
3. Walk your bike across busy intersections
4. Ride on the right side of the road
5. Always be alert, pay attention and watch for traffic and other obstacles
6. Let someone know your ride destination and when you expect to be back
7. Don't ride double. A second passenger makes it hard to control your bike.
8. Wear bright or reflective colors to be seen by motorists and pedestrians
9. Always give cars and pedestrians the right of way

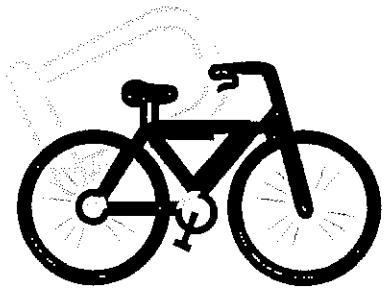


Bike Safety Checklist

- Always wear a helmet
- Adjust and lock seat correctly
- Check brakes and tire pressure before biking
- Oil sprocket and chain
- Make sure pedals are secure
- Check horn, rearview mirror and reflectors
- Check headlight (night time riding)

Bike Helmet Tips

- Certified - A bike helmet should meet the Consumer Product Safety Commission standard - look for the CPSC label
- Proper Fit - The straps should be snug around the ears and enough room should be left under your chin for two fingers. The helmet should be low enough on the forehead for two fingers between the eyebrow and helmet.
- Comfort - A helmet should be snug on your head. Use the extra padding if the helmet is loose.
- Replace - Replace the helmet after it has been in a crash.



Bike Registration

- Residents of Whitewater are required to register their bikes per Municipal Code 11.40
- Bikes can be registered at the Whitewater Police Department
- The fee for the non-expiring bike identification tag is $3.00 per tag
- Identification tags must be affixed to the bike

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