

Common Street Signs

(Not A Complete List)



Come to a complete stop.



You must yield right of way to other traffic.



No U turns.



One way traffic only.



Rail Road Crossing.



Do Not Enter.



No bikes allowed beyond this point.

More Crime Prevention Tips

When parking your bike be sure to secure it with a high quality bike lock. Record your serial number and keep it in a safe place. Write your name, address, and phone number on a piece of paper, roll it up and stick it in the bike frame under the seat. You should engrave your drivers license number on the bottom side of the bike frame to help law enforcement return the bike to you if it is stolen and recovered.



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Riding a bike can be so much fun. It is also a great way to get exercise! You can go places on your bike without a drivers license and it doesn't cost a dime in gas money. In order to stay safe there are rules you have to follow. You are not alone out there and you have to be careful. You have to watch out for other bike riders, pedestrians, motorists and animals. You can avoid most accidents just by using your head and plain common sense.

Use Your Head!

First you have to protect it by wearing a bike helmet. You should check it for proper fit. If it's too loose it won't protect you. You can get extra padding to tighten it up from a local bike shop.



Dress for Success!

Wear clothes that fit properly. Loose fitting clothes can easily get snagged in bike wheels causing injury. Make sure shoes are tied were they can't come undone.

Keep Your Bike Right!

There are 10 key points to consider for keeping your bike in top condition.

1. Make sure your seat is at the right height. This is when the knee bends slightly when you have the pedal pushed all the way down.
2. Make sure the seat is good and tight to prevent it from turning.
3. Make sure your tires are inflated properly and the spokes are nice and straight.
4. Make sure your brakes will stop in a safe distance.
5. Make sure your chain and sprocket are tight and keep them oiled regularly.
6. Make sure your pedals aren't loose and they don't wobble.
7. Make sure your handle bar is tight and has a horn and rear view mirror.
8. Mount a headlight on your front fender or handle bars if you are going to be out after dark.
9. Make sure you have reflectors installed on all sides of your bike.
10. Chain guards should be installed to protect against catching clothing in the chain.

Stay Visible!

You should avoid riding after dark but if you must, remember the easier it is for motorists to see you, the safer you are. Wear bright light colored clothing and make sure you have reflectors on your bike and your bike helmet. If it is dark make sure your lights are functioning properly before you head out. If they aren't don't ever chance it! Lights are required by law after dark.

Remember your bike is not a toy it is a vehicle on the road and is subject to traffic laws.



When riding on the road you should go the same direction as traffic but stay as close to the right hand side of the road as you safely can. Use proper hand signals when turning or coming to a stop. Stop at every red light or stop sign.

If you are riding on a sidewalk you should stay to the right and yield to pedestrians. You should get off of your bike and walk it across streets at crosswalks.

Make eye contact with drivers before stepping out into the roadway and continue to watch out for traffic. If you have to carry items with you it is best to wear a backpack or use a basket on your bike or wear a backpack. Just make sure it isn't too heavy because it can make balancing difficult. You should keep your hands free for steering.

