

Stay Safe and Legal

RIDE PREDICTABLY

Cyclists must ride with the flow of traffic, staying as close as practical to the right except to avoid hazardous conditions, to make a left turn, or to use a one-way street. Never ride against the flow of traffic.

BE DEFENSIVE AT INTERSECTIONS

Bicycle crashes occur at intersections 85% of the time. Ride defensively. Follow the rules of the road and scan the intersection as you pass through. Before you enter, watch for turning vehicles or vehicles that may be running stop signs or signals.

USE LIGHTS

Lighting equipment must be used when visibility

is limited. Lighting equipment includes, at minimum:

1. A white headlight visible from at least 500 feet.
2. A red rear reflector or light visible from at least 600 feet.



OBEY ALL TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Bicycles must be operated like other vehicles. Bicyclists are obligated to adhere to all traffic controls, including stop signs and traffic signals.

WEAR A HELMET

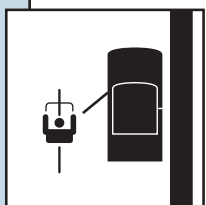
Helmets are mandatory for cyclists under the age

of 16, unless wearing a helmet “would violate a religious belief or practice of the person”. Helmets are encouraged for cyclists over 16 because they reduce the likelihood of a head injury.



AVOID THE DOOR ZONE

Be aware of people opening car doors after they park. Make sure to ride far enough away from parked cars to have time to react to opening doors. In congested places, like downtown, riding more slowly will reduce the chance of being “doored”.



Bicycle Theft Information

PREVENTION

To help protect your bicycle from theft, please take the following precautions:

1. Do not use cable locks. Invest in the highest quality lock you can afford. We recommend heavy-duty U-locks, heavy-gauge chains, or handcuff-style locks.
2. Always lock your bike to a secure, fixed object.
3. Only lock your bike in a well-lit, well-traveled area.
4. If possible, lock your bike indoors.
5. Avoid using quick-release skewers on wheels and saddles. Replace existing quick-releases with bolts or locking skewers.

RECOVERY

With proper documentation you increase the odds of recovering your bicycle. You can find your serial number on the bottom of your bike where the pedals come together. Take pictures of your whole bike and any parts that are unique to your bike. Finally, please fill out the form below and save it for your records.

Name: _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Date _____

BICYCLE INFORMATION

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____
Style (mountain, road, etc.) _____ Value _____
Color _____ Serial # _____
Additional Descriptors & Accessories _____

That we may better assist you in locating your bicycle, should you ever have the unfortunate experience of being the victim of theft, please take the time to fill out this information sheet and put it with your personal files at home.

TAKE ACTION

If your bicycle has been stolen:

1. Gather your documentation.
2. File a police report by calling 503-823-3333.
3. Register with the BikePortland.org Stolen Bike Listings.



[BikePortland.org](http://www.bikeportland.org)

For more details on how to prevent theft or recover your bike, visit <http://www.bikeportland.org/biketheft>