







# Bicycle Safety Habits

## 1. Ride Safe




- Always wear a helmet.
- Walk bike on right side of crosswalk.
- Steer clear of unsafe conditions – choose another route if dangerous conditions such as street construction hinder safety.
- Know your route.
- Bicycle brakes must be functional and equipped with a brake capable of making the braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement. 
- At least one hand must remain on the handlebar at all times. 

## 2. Be Predictable


- A person operating a bicycle has the rights and duties applicable to a driver operating a vehicle. 
- A person operating a bicycle must obey all traffic signs and signals. 
- When moving slower than other traffic on the roadway, ride as near as possible to the right curb or edge of the roadway. 
- Bicycles may occupy the lane when: 
  - passing another vehicle moving in the same direction.
  - preparing to turn left at an intersection or on to a private road or driveway.

- whenever anything prevents the person from safely riding near the curb or edge of the roadway.
- operating a bicycle on a one-way roadway with two or more marked traffic lanes.


## 3. Communicate

- A bicycle operator is required to give hand and arm signals to other vehicles when making a direction change. 
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and on sidewalks. 
- When riding on a sidewalk, a bicycle operator is required to give an audible warning to a pedestrian. 

## 4. Be Seen

- A person may **NOT** operate a bicycle at night unless the bicycle is equipped with: 
  - A lamp on the front of the bicycle that emits a white light visible from at least 500 feet in front of the bicycle.
  - A red reflector or red lamp on the rear of the bicycle, visible from at least 500 feet from the rear of the bicycle.

## 5. Be Courteous

- Avoid altercations with other motorists.
- Never ride on a sidewalk in a business district.   
(NOTE—A business district is defined as: “the territory contiguous to and including a roadway when, within 600 feet along such roadway, there are buildings in use for business or industrial purpose which occupy 300 feet collectively on both sides of the roadway.” The Texas Medical Center qualifies as a business district.)
- Riding on Texas Medical Center-area sidewalks is prohibited.

Legend -  City Ordinance  
 State Law

