

# UNIVERSITY of DAYTON

- Always check behind you before changing lanes.
- Be aware of potential hazards such as road litter, potholes, gravel, and storm grates.
- Make sure that books, clothes, and other items are securely attached to the bicycle or carried in a backpack.
- Use bells or horns to alert pedestrians and vehicles.

## Register your Bicycle (Required)

You must register your bike free of charge at any of the following locations:

- Parking Services
- University of Dayton Web Site:  
<http://www.udayton.edu/~safety/>

## Parking your Bicycle

When parking your bicycle on campus be sure to secure it to one of the convenient bike racks located near most campus buildings. Bicycles should be locked to a bike rack using a approved quality bicycle lock. Please do not lock your bicycle to:

- fences
- stair railings
- site furniture
- signposts
- handicap ramps
- trees



## Important Numbers

Emergency (from on-campus phone) ..... 911

Public Safety ..... 229-2121

Student Escort (Mom's Limo) ..... 229-2124

Parking Services ..... 229-2128

Health Center..... 229-3131

## The University of Dayton Department of Public Safety

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# Bicycle Safety



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## Wear a Helmet

Wearing a helmet is just good sense. Everyone should wear a helmet on every ride, no matter how short. Helmets can prevent head injuries resulting from cycling accidents. They also increase rider visibility.

Today's helmets are lightweight and comfortable, stronger, and better looking. There are lots of styles from which to choose. Your helmet should fit correctly and meet safety standards set by the Snell Memorial Foundation or the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

A helmet is as much a part of the bicycle as are handlebars and tires. Include a helmet with your gift of a bike.

## Bicycle Regulations

Bicyclists must obey the regulations that are established by the University of Dayton. These rules and regulations are for the bicyclists and pedestrians safety. Follow these general regulations:

The University encourages and supports the use of bicycles as a means of transportation. Bicycles operated or parked on campus shall be in safe operating condition and will be so operated or parked in a manner which complies with all laws of the State of Ohio, and regulations of the University.

University bicycle riders must at all times operate their bicycles with due regard for their own safety and the safety of others. They must yield the right of way to pedestrians.

Bicycles should always be securely locked when not attended.

Bicycles shall be left, parked or stored on the University campus only in areas specifically designated by the presence of racks or other devices designated by the posting of signs indicating the space as a bicycle parking area.

- a. When racks are full, bikes shall be parked in an orderly manner at the end of the racks.
- b. Bicycles may not be parked in spaces provided for motor vehicles.
- c. No person shall park, store, or leave a bicycle in such a manner as to cause said bicycle to block or otherwise impede normal entrance to or exit from any building on campus.
- d. No bicycle shall be parked, stored, or left standing on any access or egress ramp.
- e. No bicycle shall be parked, stored, or left so as to interfere with or impede the normal movement of wheelchairs upon ramps installed for this purpose of assisting the movement of handicapped persons.

- f. No bicycle shall be chained or otherwise locked or attached to any handrail, tree, shrubbery, door, signpost, lamp, telephone pole or other object not maintained or designed for the purpose of securing bicycles.
  - g. No bicycle shall be parked, stored, or left in any lobby, or hallway, or room of any building unless said area is specifically designated for bicycles. This section is not intended to prohibit the storing of a bicycle in a person's residence.
- Any Public Safety Officer, Parking Attendant, or other person authorized specifically by the Director of Public Safety may move, relocate, or impound any bicycle which is:
    - a. Blocking or otherwise impeding traffic in any street highway, roadway, path, or sidewalk.
    - b. Blocking or impeding normal entrance to or exit from any building on the campus.
    - c. Parked in violation of any University regulations.
    - d. Apparently abandoned.
    - e. Reported stolen to a law enforcement agency.

- Any bicycle impounded pursuant to any section of the bicycle regulations shall be stored in a secure facility designated for such purpose by the Director of Public Safety. A fee shall be charged to the owner prior to the release of any impounded bicycle. Any University official authorized to so remove and impound a bicycle, and the University shall not be liable to the owner of the bicycle for the cost of repair or replacement of securing devices. Impounded bicycles will be held in the custody of Public Safety until all citations and fees have been paid. All bicycles impounded may be claimed at the Department of Public Safety during normal working hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All bicycles held in custody for longer than 60 days may be sold or otherwise disposed of by the University.

## Penalties

- All unregistered bicycles will be subject to ticketing with impoundment. The bicycle must be registered before it is released back to the owner. All bicycles impounded will be subject to a fine of \$5.00.
- Traffic offenses (i.e. speeding, traveling wrong way on roadway, failure to yield to a pedestrian) are subject to a fine of \$5.00.
- Parking improperly is subject to a fine of \$5.00.

- Reckless operation is subject to a fine of \$25.00.

## Be Visible

Cyclists must take responsibility for being visible to motorists, pedestrians, and other cyclists. There are numerous ways to enhance your visibility. Retroreflective vests, jackets, wristbands, and triangular patches all increase rider visibility.

Remember that wearing bright clothing is not enough. You will also need at least one light source, such as a bright headlight supplemented by bicycle reflectors specified by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). A red tail light will also increase your visibility. Follow these general rules.

- Wear light or bright colored clothing, fluorescent colors such as bright orange or lime green and yellow are excellent.
- Try not to ride at night. If you must ride at night, wear light colored clothing with retroreflective triangular patches and wristbands.
- Equip your bicycle with reflectors on the front and rear. The rear reflector should be red and at least three inches across, pointed straight back to reflect the headlights of vehicles at least 600 feet away.

## Share the Road

When you ride, consider yourself the driver of a vehicle and take your legitimate place in the lane. Be confident and assertive; ride in a predictable way. Be considerate of motorists and pedestrians. Remember, pedestrians have the right of way.

Because bicycles are smaller and slower than motor vehicles, cyclists need to be more alert than drivers. Don't assume that motorists or pedestrians see you, communicate and negotiate with other vehicles. Using hand signals, making eye contact, smiling, and waving – just being courteous – all help keep the roads and trails safe for everyone. Follow these general rules:

- Make eye contact, smile, or wave to communicate with motorists. Courtesy and predictability are key to safe cycling.
- Be aware of pedestrians and other vehicles. Learn to anticipate their actions.
- Ride far enough out from the curb to avoid the unexpected from parked cars opening doors, etc.
- Keep control of your bicycle; be able to look behind you and ride with one hand while signaling.