

BICYCLE & VEHICLE SAFETY



Bicyclists and motorists share the roads with buses, trains, and pedestrians. The Los Angeles County Fire Department wants you to stay safe while you ride your bike or drive a car by following these simple tips while navigating the open road.

Bicycle Safety

Always obey traffic signs and signals, and follow roadway markings.



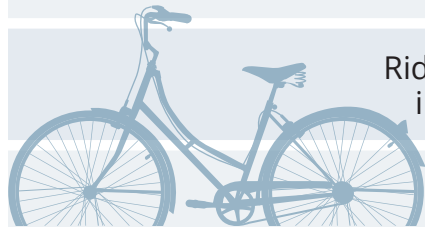
Ride in the same direction as traffic.

Use hand signals before turning, stopping, or changing lanes.

Ride in a straight line; do not weave in between parked cars.

Always wear a helmet. Wearing a helmet is the law for children and adolescents under the age of 18 in the State of California.

Be alert while riding; watch for doors opening from parked cars.



Riding with headphones in both ears is prohibited by law.

Always yield to pedestrians.

In rainy weather, use extra caution and give yourself ample room to stop.

Keep your bike properly maintained. This means regularly checking the air in the tires, the brakes, and chains. This helps keep your bike running safely and efficiently.

Sidewalks are for pedestrians, not bicycles.

Use reflectors and lights, and wear light-colored clothing while riding (especially at night) in order to be more visible to motorists.

Vehicle Safety



All children younger than eight years old must ride in the back seat of a car in a booster or car seat.

Everyone riding in a vehicle must have seat belts fastened at all times when a vehicle is in motion.



During rainy weather, keep a safe distance from the car in front of you in case you need to brake suddenly. If you use your windshield wipers, your headlights must be turned on.

When driving, all cell phone conversations must occur while using a hands-free device.



If using a map app, GPS tracker, or texting, the same hands-free laws apply.



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