



What is the DOT Secretarial Initiative for Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety?

It is a new national effort to promote walking and bicycling as safe, efficient, and healthy ways to travel. This effort joins citizens, government agencies, and private sector organizations to foster the development of a more balanced national transportation system.

By the Year 2000, the Initiative will:

- reduce the number of injuries & fatalities occurring to bicyclists & pedestrians by 10%.
- double the national percentage of walking and bicycling trips.

The Initiative:

- increases awareness of the serious traffic safety problem involving bicyclists & pedestrians while promoting the advantages of biking & walking as transportation through special events, training, and programs.
- provides "tools" to communities to assist them in solving their local traffic safety problem.
- assists the Partnership for a Walkable America, an alliance of national organizations, agencies, businesses, and individuals, dedicated to making America more walkable.



55-52-105. Rules & Regulations Child bicycle safety rules and regulations. With regard to any bicycle operated over any highway, street or sidewalk, it is unlawful: (1) For any person under sixteen (16) years of age to operate or be a passenger on a bicycle unless at all times when so engaged such person wears a protective bicycle helmet of good fit fastened securely upon the head with the straps of the helmet; (2) For any person to be a passenger on a bicycle unless, with respect to any person who weighs fewer than forty pounds (40 lbs.), or is less than forty inches (40") in height, the person can be and is properly seated in and adequately secured to a restraining seat; (3) For any parent or legal guardian of a person below twelve (12) years of age to knowingly permit such person to operate or be a passenger on a bicycle in violation of subdivision (1) or (2); and (4) To rent or lease any bicycle to or for the use of any person under sixteen (16) years of age unless: (A) The person is in possession of a protective bicycle helmet of good fit at the time of such rental or lease; or (B) The rental or lease includes a protective bicycle helmet of good fit, and the person intends to wear the helmet, as required by subdivision (1), at all times while operating or being a passenger on the bicycle. [Acts 1993, ch. 399, § 6; 1998, ch. 684, § 2; 2000, ch. 916, § 5.]



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Bicycle riding is fun and healthy, but only if you remember some important safety hints.

Safety Tips

Before using your bicycle, make sure it is ready to ride. You should always inspect your bike to make sure all parts are secure and working properly. Remember to:

- 🚲 **Always** wear a bicycle helmet. It could save your life.
- 🚲 Inflate tires properly and check brakes before riding.
- 🚲 See and be seen. Always wear neon, fluorescent, or other bright colors when riding during the day.
- 🚲 Carry books and other items in a bicycle carrier or backpack.
- 🚲 Avoid riding at night; it is far more dangerous than riding during the day. If you have to ride at night, wear something that reflects light. Make sure you have reflectors on the front and rear of your bike (lights are required).



Riding Practices

Bicycles are considered to be vehicles, and bicyclists must obey the same rules as motorists. When riding, always:

- 🚲 Ride single file in the same direction as other vehicles. Go with the flow of traffic --- not against it!
- 🚲 Obey the traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.
- 🚲 Signal your moves to others. Be courteous to pedestrians and other vehicle operators.
- 🚲 Most bicycle crashes occur at driveways or other inter-sections. Before you enter any street or intersection, check for traffic by looking left-right-left.
- 🚲 Stay alert at all times. Watch out for potholes, cracks, wet leaves, storm grates, railroad tracks, or anything that could make you lose control of your bike.



🚲 When turning left or right, always look behind you for a break in traffic, then signal before making the turn. Watch for left or right-turning traffic.

- 🚲 Ride so other drivers can see you. Stay out of drivers' blind spots.
- 🚲 Ride far enough out from the curb to avoid the unexpected from parked cars (like doors opening).

