

Bicycling on the University of Rochester Campuses





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Follow the Rules of the Road

- Ride with traffic and obey the same laws as motorists.
- Use the rightmost lane that heads in the direction that you are traveling.
- Obey all traffic control devices, such as stop signs, lights, pedestrians in crosswalks, and lane markings.
- Always look back and use hand and arm signals to indicate your intention to stop, merge, or turn.

Watch for Pedestrians

- If people are on the sidewalk or trail, be patient and polite. Slow down and communicate your actions.
- When passing a pedestrian, it's preferable to pass on the left. Slow down and advise them: "On your left." Never pass without notice.
- Bicyclists and pedestrians share the sidewalks. The sidewalks can get congested; at times it may be best for you to walk your bike.

Be Visible

- Ride where drivers can see you.
- · Wear brightly colored clothing at all times.
- At night, use a white front light and red rear light or reflector. Wear reflective tape or clothing.

Be Predictable

- Ride in a straight line and don't swerve between parked cars.
- Make eye contact with motorists to let them know you are there.
- Don't ride distracted or with headphones.

Anticipate Conflicts

- Be aware of traffic around you and be prepared to take evasive action.
- Learn braking and turning techniques to avoid crashes.
- Be extra alert at intersections.

Wear a Helmet

- Make sure that the helmet fits on top of your head, not tipped back or forward.
- After a crash or any impact that affects your helmet, replace it immediately—whether or not there is visible damage.



Keeping your bike safe

- Never leave your bicycle unlocked. We recommend that you use a high-quality u-lock to secure your bike.
- Place the lock through the frame, front or rear wheel, and a bike rack.
- Be sure to remove a quick-release front wheel and secure it through the u-lock as well.
- Stay aware of your surroundings. A bike owner normally will walk directly to his or her own bike, whereas a thief will survey all the bikes, looking for an easy target. Call Public Safety (275-3333) right away to report any suspicious activity you observe.
- Engrave your driver's license number or State ID Number on the bike frame starting with the two-letter initials for the issuing state. This is recognized nationally and can help recover your bike if it is stolen (example: NY 123 456 789).

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University legend has it that the student body, 'round about 1900, presented library assistant Herman K. Phinney (Class of 1877) with a new Columbia brand bicycle to replace the old-style "penny-farthing" model that he rode to campus every day. After the presentation, Phinney's old bike was run up the campus flagpole. Later it was taken down and preserved by one of the fraternities, which brought it out only for special occasions.



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