

## Rules of the Road

1. **Protect your Head**
2. **Assure Bicycle Readiness.** Make Sure Your Bicycle is Adjusted Properly.
3. **Stop it.** Always Check Brakes Before Riding.
4. **See and Be Seen**
5. **Avoid Biking at Night.**
6. **Stay Alert.** Always Keep A Lookout for Obstacles in Your Path.
7. **Go With The Flow.** The Safe Way is The Right Way.
8. **Check for Traffic.** Always be Aware of The Traffic Around You.
9. **Learn Rules of the Road.** Obey Traffic Laws.
10. **Don't Flip Over Your Bicycle.** Wheels Should Be Securely Fastened.
11. **Riding Double Means Trouble.** A second passenger makes it hard to control your bike. Remember, one person per seat.

## Hand Signals (Use Left Hand)



**Left Turn** – Arm straight out, palm forward or finger pointing out.

**Right Turn** – Arm lifted up, hand straight up or pointing upward.

**Stop** – Hand low, palm towards back

## Tips for Buying The Right Helmet

- **Make Sure the helmet is Certified**
- **Make Sure the Helmet Fits Properly.** The straps are snug around the ears. The helmet should be low on the forehead. Leave room for two fingers to fit between the chin and the strap and the eyebrows and the helmet.
- **Make Sure the Helmet is Comfortable.**
- **Make Sure the helmet is Replaced After it has Been in a Crash.**

## City of Avon Bicycle Safety Basics



Provided by the City of Avon and the Avon Police Department

## Inside Contains selected Avon City Ordinances.

### 474.02 RIDING UPON SEATS; CARRYING PACKAGES; MOTORCYCLE HANDLE BARS; HELMETS AND GLASSES. (b)

(1) A person operating a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and a person operating a motorcycle shall not ride other than upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, nor carry any other person upon such bicycle or motorcycle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon, nor shall any person ride upon a bicycle or motorcycle other than upon such a firmly attached and regular seat. (3) No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article that prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars. (4) No bicycle or motorcycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped, nor shall any motorcycle be operated on a highway when the handlebars or grips are more than 15 inches higher than the seat or saddle for the operator. (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the carrying of a child in a seat or trailer that is designed for carrying children and is firmly attached to the bicycle.

### 474.04 RIDING ON RIGHT SIDE OF ROADWAY; RIDING ABREAST.

(a) Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles and exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. (b) Persons riding bicycles or motorcycles upon a roadway shall ride not more than two abreast in a single lane, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or motorcycles. (c) This section does not require a person operating a bicycle to ride at the edge of the roadway when it is unreasonable or unsafe to do so. Conditions that may require riding away from the edge of the roadway include when necessary to avoid fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, surface hazards, or if it otherwise is unsafe or impracticable to do so, including if the lane is too narrow for the bicycle and an overtaking vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.

### 474.05 LIGHTS, SIGNAL DEVICES, BRAKES ON BICYCLES. (a)

Every bicycle when in use at the times specified in Ohio R.C. 4513.03 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance shall be equipped with the following (1)

A lamp mounted on the front of either the bicycle or the operator that shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and 300 feet to the sides. A generator-powered lamp that emits light only when the bicycle is moving may be used to meet this requirement. (2) A red reflector on the rear that shall be visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle; (3) A lamp emitting either flashing or steady red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear shall be used in addition to the red reflector. If the red lamp performs as a reflector in that it is visible as specified in division (a)(2) of this section, the red lamp may serve as the reflector and a separate reflector is not required.

(b) Additional lamps and reflectors may be used in addition to those required under division (a) of this section, except that red lamps and red reflectors shall not be used on the front of the bicycle and white lamps and white reflectors shall not be used on the rear of the bicycle. (c) A

bicycle may be equipped with a device capable of giving an audible signal, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle. (d) Every bicycle shall be equipped with an adequate brake when used on a street or highway.

### 474.06 RIDING BICYCLES UPON SIDEWALKS.

A person operating a bicycle shall ride upon the sidewalk rather than the roadway when sidewalks are available, except that no person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk upon or along which signs have been erected by authority of Council or other duly designated local authority prohibiting such bicycle riding, or within a business district. At no time shall a person under the age of 11 years operate a bicycle on a street.

### 474.07 SAFE RIDING REGULATIONS FOR BICYCLES. (a)

Whenever a designated usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a street, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the street.

(b) Whenever a person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk or street, such person shall yield the right-of-

way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before attempting to overtake and pass a pedestrian or another bicycle. This audible signal must be given only by bell or other warning device capable of giving an audible signal and shall be given at such a distance and in such a manner as not to startle the person being overtaken and passed. (c) No person shall ride a bicycle across or through any intersection involving a through street. Such intersections are to be crossed by walking the bicycle across or through the intersection. (d) Whenever a person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, the person, before overtaking and passing a blind person carrying a white or metallic cane, shall dismount and overtake or pass on foot. (e) When a bicycle is operated on the street, the operator shall give hand signals before turning, changing lanes or stopping. Such signals shall conform with Ohio R.C. 4511.40, or a substantially similar municipal ordinance.

(f) Every rider of a bicycle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian or any vehicle upon any roadway, sidewalk or bicycle path, or endangering the life, limb or property of any person while in the lawful use of the streets, sidewalks or any other private or public property. (g)

No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions then existing. (h) The operator of a bicycle emerging from or turning into an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alley, driveway or building, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on such sidewalk area. Upon entering the street, such operator shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on such street.

(i) No person shall engage in trick riding or operate a bicycle without both hands upon the handle grips except when necessary to give the hand signals required herein.