BE SAFE



Wear a helmet- Helmets should sit flat on your head just above the eyebrows and fit snugly Riders under 15 are required by law to wear a helmet.

Scan the Road around You- Look ahead and anticipate what other traffic is likely to do. Ride with both hands ready to brake and do not ride with headphones.

Be Pedestrian Friendly- Sidewalks are designed for pedestrians. It is highly recommended that you avoid riding on sidwalks. But when you do, ride with the direction of traffic, and dismount and walk your bike across all intersections and driveways. City ordinance 17-702 prohibits cyclists from riding on sidewalks in Downtown Lawrence. On shared use paths, trails and sidewalks, give an audible warning before passing pedestrians on the left. It is your responsibility to ALWAYS yield to pedestrians, so slow down a little bit and enjoy the scenery!

Position on the Road- Ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practical, in the same direction as traffic, except when passing another vehicle, preparing for a left turn, or avoiding hazards. Take the lane if the road width is too narrow for cyclists and cars or if motor and bicycle traffic is traveling at the same speed. At intersections, proceed in line and in turn as you would in a car. Before intersections and turns, take a position in the lane that maximizes visibility and makes your intention clear.

BE PREDICTABLE

Obey All Traffic Signs & Lights- Bicycles must follow the same laws as motorists. Stop at red lights and stop signs just as you would in a car. In Lawrence, bicycles are not allowed to ride on the sidewalk downtown.



Ride Consistently- Ride in a straight line. Always look and signal prior to turning. Avoid swerving and sudden changes. Stay at least a car door length away from parked cars. Bicyclists shall not ride more than two abreast.

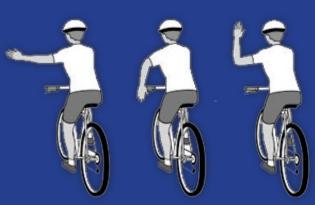
Don't Pass on the Right- Motorists may not see you passing on the right and you could be seriously injured. When stopping in traffic, it is safer to hold your place in line with traffic.

BE VISIBLE

Ride a Well-Equipped Bike - Be sure your bike is adjusted to fit you properly. For safety and efficiency, outfit it with a bell, rear-view mirror, rack or basket, lights and reflector. Carry a water bottle, bike pump and patch kit.

Light your Bike- Use a strong solid beam front headlight and rear flashing light and/or red reflector at night and when visibility is poor. Wear light-colored clothes with reflective tape for extra protection. Make yourself as visible as possible. Required lighting equipment includes: A white light visible from at least 500 feet, A red rear reflectors visible from all distances 100-600 feet. Additional red rear lights are also recommended.

Hand Signals- Use signals to tell motorists what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, courtesy, & self-protection.



Left Turn Stopping Right Turn

Community Resources for Bicyclists

Street Maintenance and Traffic Safety To report problems on city streets, call the Public Works office: (785) 832-3456.

Parks & Recreation-Trail Maintenance To offer suggestions or improvements for trails, call Parks & Recreation Administrative Office at (785) 832-3450.

Lawrence Transit

For more information about bus routes, visit www.lawrencetransit.org

Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) For more information about state bicycle laws, trails, route information and maps check out: www.ksdot.org/burRail/bike/

For more information about bicycle planning and events visit: www.lawrenceks.org/pds/tr-bike



Street Markings

Bike Lanes

Bike Lanes give bicyclists and motorists their own, assigned and separate spaces on the road. Bicyclists should always ride in the direction indicated by the arrow painted on the street.



A "Sharrow" indicates that the streets are good for bike traffic, but are too narrow for separate bike lanes. Sharrow markings indicate to motorists and bicyclists that they must share the road and use the same space on the street as they travel.



Bike Route

Bike Routes indicate roads with light to moderate traffic and lower speeds that are expected BIKE ROUTE to have bicycle traffic and where motorists and bicyclist share the roadway.





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Bicycle Parking

Lawrence has on-street bike racks downtown and many local businesses provide bike racks, so finding a place to park your bike securely isn't too hard. Scout out a location close to your commute. There are over 300 bicycle parking spaces in downtown Lawrence. Lock it up- Secure your bicycle by locking it to the rack.



Oval Rings are provided on some downtown parking meters to securely lock your bicycle.

Green Routes

Streets that have low to medium traffic volumes, slower motor vehicle speeds, and/or wide pavement widths. Includes streets with established bicycle traffic. Suitable for all riders.

Yellow Routes

Streets that experienced riders use for commuting and cross-town traveling. Includes streets with medium to high traffic volumes . Suitable for riders with aboveaverage skill.

Red Routes

Routes with high traffic volumes and speeds, narrow street widths, and/ or difficult interactions. Requires frequent interactions with motorists. Suitable for experienced riders confident in traffic.

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