

Bicycle Security

The best method to reduce bicycle theft is prevention. Never leave your bike unattended, even for a few minutes. Many bikes that are stolen are removed right from the owner's front yard. When you do leave your bike unattended, make sure it is secured. Be sure the chain is strong enough to prevent it from being cut, and the lock is of good quality. Don't think that a bike is secure if you leave it in your back yard or the porch of your residence.

Always be sure to write down the make, model, color, and serial number of your bikes. This way you will have the necessary information needed if you become a victim of bicycle theft.

The Grove City Police Department provides bicycle registration free of charge and registration cards are available at the Grove City Safety Complex, 3360 Park Street. Once this card is completed, you will be given a Grove City Bicycle License sticker to place on your bike. This license and information will make it easier to return a recovered or impounded bike to its owner.



Important Phone Numbers

Non-Emergency.....(614) 277-1710

Emergency.....911

Crime Prevention..(614) 277-1765

Anonymous Tip

Line.....(614) 277-1808



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Ohio law states when operating a bicycle, a person:

- May ride a bicycle only while sitting astride the seat, facing forward, with one leg on each side of the bicycle.
- Shall not carry any package, bundle, or article that prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handle bars.
- Shall not carry more persons on a bicycle at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.
- Shall not attach himself or the bicycle to any vehicle upon the roadway.
- Shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practical, obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles, and exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
- 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.

According to Ohio law, when operating a bicycle after dark, every bicycle must be equipped with the following:

- A lamp on the front that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front.
- A red reflector on the rear, of a type approved by the director of highway safety, that is visible from one hundred feet to six hundred feet to the rear, when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.
- A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear shall be used in addition to the red reflector.
- An essentially colorless reflector, of a type approved by the director, on the front.
- Either with tires with reflective side walls or with an essentially colorless or amber reflector mounted on the spokes of the front and rear wheel.
- A bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least one hundred feet. A bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.
- An adequate brake when used on a street or highway.

Simple Steps to Safer Cycling

- Always wear an approved bicycle safety helmet.
- Stop and check for traffic before you enter a street from a driveway, parking lot or sidewalk.
- Avoid riding after dark or if the weather is bad.
- Obey traffic signs, signals and pavement markings.
- Ride on the right hand side of the street.
- Be extra careful turning left.
- Slow down when you approach intersections; stop, look and listen at stop signs.
- Give cars and pedestrians the right-of-way.
- Avoid broken pavement, litter, loose gravel, mud, or leaves.
- Wear light or brightly colored clothes.
- Watch for car doors opening into the roadway.
- Form a single line, one bike length apart, on the right-hand side of the roadway when riding with a group.
- Carry packages in a basket, carrier or backpack and keep both hands on the handlebars.
- Keep your bike in good repair.
- Don't take chances. Watch what is going on around you!