

# NYPD OPERATION SAFE CYCLE

Bicycling in New York City can be a wonderful experience, but safety should always be a cyclist's priority. The Police Department wants to help ensure the well-being of cyclists and the security of their bicycles. This pamphlet is designed to promote safety by informing cyclists of the rules of the road as they pertain to bicycles, as well as security issues related to owning and storing a bicycle in New York City.

As per the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, bicyclists are granted all of the RIGHTS and are subject to all the DUTIES of a motor-vehicle operator. Furthermore, the New York City Traffic Rules are also applicable to bicycles. If a bicyclist violates the law and the bicyclist does not have photo identification, the bicyclist is subject to arrest. Before you set out to travel the City's hundreds of bike lanes and trails, you should be familiar with these regulations.

Remember, a cautious bicyclist is a safe bicyclist!

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<http://www.nyc.gov/nypd>

## SAFETY TIPS



Watch for turning trucks and buses.

### OBEDIENT TRAFFIC LAWS:



Use a white headlight and a red taillight at night.



Yield to pedestrians.



Stop at all red lights and stop signs.



Ride in the direction of traffic.



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## BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

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## BICYCLE COLLISIONS

A cyclist involved in a collision that results in injury or property damage should stop and supply information to the other party. If the collision involves injury, and the cyclist is age 18 or older, the cyclist must notify a police officer.



## HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS

- Disobeying traffic signals or signs
- Riding in the wrong direction against traffic
- Riding on sidewalks (unless under age 13)
- Missing white headlight and red taillight if riding from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise
- Riding without at least one hand on the handlebars
- Clinging to a vehicle
- Carrying more passengers than bicycle is designed for
- Wearing more than one earphone attached to an audio device while cycling



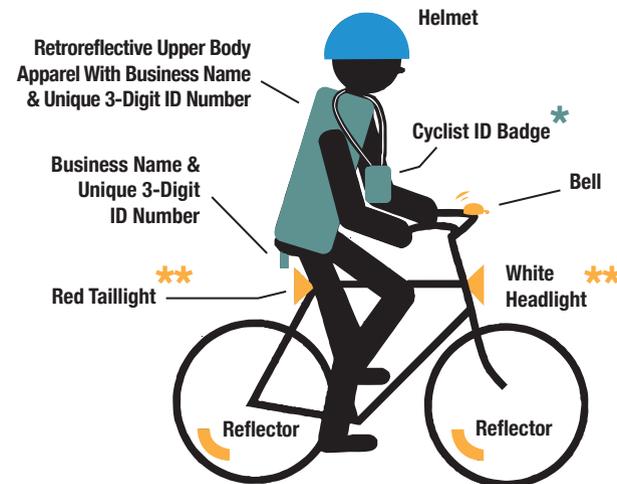
## A NOTE ABOUT CHILDREN

By law, children under age 14 must wear a helmet (it is recommended that cyclists of all ages wear a helmet).

Children under age 13 may ride on the sidewalk.

## REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- All Cyclists
- Delivery/Commercial Cyclists Only
- Delivery/Commercial Cyclists and Cyclists Under Age 14



### \* Must include:

- Cyclist's name
- Cyclist's photo
- Unique 3-digit ID number
- Business phone number
- Business name and address

\*\* Required from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise

**NOTE:** Motor-assisted bicycles are not permitted and may be confiscated

## BICYCLES ON BEACHES

Generally, bicycles are excluded from NYC beaches and boardwalks, except during posted early-morning hours (usually between 5 and 10 am).



## A NOTE ABOUT BICYCLE SECURITY

When a bicycle is left unattended in public, the bicycle should be securely chained to a bike rack. Chaining a bicycle to a City tree is illegal.

Bicycles that are trip hazards, block pedestrian traffic, or become derelict are subject to removal by the City.



## A NOTE ON BIKE LANES

Cyclists must use bike lanes when provided, unless blocked or otherwise unsafe.

When riding on Greenways, stay in the designated path.

Do not ride on pedestrian paths.