Important Points to Remember:

- Always wear a helmet.
- Stay on your side of the road, and be considerate to pedestrians.
- Lock up your bike, and park in appropriate locations.
- Try not to make abrupt or unexpected maneuvers that could surprise traffic around you.
Bicycle Safety at Auburn University

With rising gas prices, a growing interest in fitness, and a desire to help the environment, more and more people are choosing to ride their bikes to class and work.

Although biking is a fun and healthy way to get around, it can be dangerous. In 2009, there were 630 deaths and 51,000 injuries related to bicycling in the U.S. Bicyclists have the same rights as any other vehicle, but they also have the same responsibilities.

How can YOU be a safe cyclist?

- **ALWAYS wear a helmet.** It should sit snug and level on your head, without any movement.
- Never ride against traffic. Use appropriate bike lanes and paths whenever possible.
- Keep in mind that most pedestrians can’t hear you approaching until you are very close to them. Don’t assume they know you are coming. When passing or overtaking a pedestrian, give a clear (audible) signal by sounding a horn or calling out.
- Do not weave in and out of parked cars and traffic. Ride predictably; avoid sudden, unexpected movements.
- Communicate the direction you are turning with hand signals.
- Be aware of traffic behind you.
- **Don’t drive too fast in areas of high-pedestrian activity.** [Remember, pedestrians always have the right of way.]
- Be sure you know your route and are comfortable with it before traveling.
- Wear light or brightly-colored clothing to be more visible.

Auburn University’s Bicycle Policy:

- All bikes must be registered through AU Parking Services, and a registration decal placed on the frame below the seat. **Unregistered bikes, and bikes without locks can be impounded and held by parking services.** For more info on registering your bike visit: [http://www.auburn.edu/administration/parking_transit/parking/index.php](http://www.auburn.edu/administration/parking_transit/parking/index.php)
- State laws regarding bikes should always be followed. This includes having a **front light and a rear reflector**, and observing **all traffic signals** (the same as a motorized vehicle.)
- Bikes must be parked in racks. If parked in entrance ways, sidewalks, or stairwells, **bikes can be impounded.**

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