Dear Bicyclist,

**Ride defensively!**

- Under Washington law, bicyclists are considered “vehicles” and may use the entire lane if they are traveling at similar speed of the traffic.

- If going slower than the normal flow of traffic, they must be on the far right side of the lane.

- You may choose to ride on the trail, sidewalk, bike lane, shoulder or travel lane as suits your safety needs.

- **Do not count on drivers to signal!** Drivers may turn onto driveways and side streets at any time without signaling and may not see you.

- **Scan for traffic, signal your intentions, and occupy the center of the lane when turning.**

- Do not pass vehicles during a red light to get ahead of them, as you will be in a driver’s blind spot, which is especially dangerous if they are turning.

**Be courteous, please!**

- **Follow traffic laws!** Stop at intersections, signal your intended directions. Thank drivers who let you by.

- Bicyclists are allowed to ride on the sidewalk and trail; however, **pedestrians have priority.** Yield to them and alert them via bell or voice when passing.

- Please give pedestrians 3 feet of space while passing.

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Required bicycle equipment:

- In the state of WA, during the hours of darkness, a **white front light** (not a reflector) that is visible for 500 feet and a **red reflector** on the rear are required. In addition to a red rear reflector, most people use a red light as well.

Are cyclists required to wear helmets?

- **YES! In King County, people of all ages are required to wear helmets!** Failing to wear a helmet may result in a $30 fine.
- If you are under the age of 18, your parent/guardian is responsible for you to wear a helmet.

Please be safe and seen!

- Be seen! Wear lighter colored clothing and reflective clothing so you are more visible.
- Please look before you change lanes. Just because you do not hear a vehicle approaching doesn’t mean there isn’t one!

Use Cascade Bicycle Club (CBC) as a resource:

CBC is a Seattle non-profit that offers bicycle maintenance and riding classes, tours, and after-school camps. With over 15,000 members, they serve a wide variety of cyclists and commuters all over the Puget Sound. Discover more at [cascade.org](http://cascade.org)