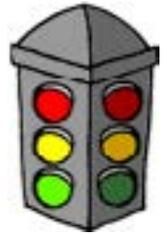




HEADLIGHT ON TRAFFIC



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With thousands of new students on the University of Florida campus this fall, there is bound to be some confusion as students get used to building names, bus routes, and long lines at the bookstores. **Headlight on Traffic** is published by the University of Florida Police Department to help decrease this confusion. Inside are tips which will help keep you safe on the streets and sidewalks of the University of Florida campus and the larger Gainesville community.



The University of Florida has installed crosswalks in heavily traveled campus locations for your convenience and safety. Signs at campus crosswalks inform drivers that they must yield right of way to pedestrians in the crosswalks.

Please do not let these instructions to vehicle drivers give you a false sense of security. Despite the signs, pedestrians must use common sense.

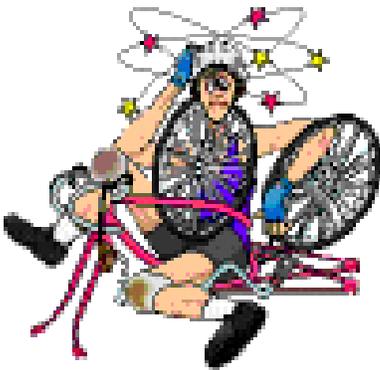
Before entering a crosswalk, stop at the curb, look both ways, and establish eye contact with any drivers, ensuring that they see you and yield. Also, remember that when using crosswalks at intersections, you must obey the electronic “Walk/Don’t Walk” indicators. Drivers may not see you due to congested traffic, darkness, or sun glare.

Remember: Better to be safe than sorry! A driver may get a ticket if he or she hits you, but that will not be much comfort if you are injured.

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Tips to Remember When Riding Your Bike

- ✓ **Wear a bike helmet at all times. The most serious bike injuries are to the head.**
- ✓ **Keep both hands on the handlebars except when performing turn signals.**
- ✓ **Slow down and check traffic at all corners.**
- ✓ **Try to keep your bike in good shape.**
- ✓ **Always let cars and people go first.**
- ✓ **Avoid busy streets if possible.**
- ✓ **Walk across busy streets.**



- ✗ **Don't stunt!**
- ✗ **Don't hitch rides!**
- ✗ **Don't ride double!**
- ✗ **Never ride between two cars**
- ✗ **Never weave in and out of traffic!**

Bicycle Hand Signal Refresher



Right turn



Slow down or stop



Left turn



Wear a Helmet!

Even if you're just going around the corner, make sure to wear your helmet.

Make sure your bike helmet fits properly. It shouldn't be too big or too small. Ask a bike store employee for assistance in fitting your helmet.

Wear your helmet level and cover your forehead. Always fasten straps and adjust them so that the helmet won't move.



Correct

Incorrect

Parking Dos and Don'ts



Do lock the frame and front wheel to the rack.

Don't lock just the frame. Thieves can steal the front wheel.



Do use a secure lock, such as a U-lock.

Don't lock your front wheel to a bike rack. Thieves can remove the wheel and steal the frame.



Don't block building entrances.

Don't block entrance ramps.



Maintaining Your Bicycle

Inspect your bicycle on a regular basis to keep it in good working order.

- Tighten nuts, bolts, and fasteners regularly.
- Brake pads should just clear the rim.
- Keep brake controls lightly oiled.
- Replace worn tires.
- Maintain tires at correct air pressure.
- Keep the chain clean and lightly lubricated.
- Replace cracked reflectors, old batteries, and lamp bulbs.

Register Your Bike!

Whether your bike is old or new, registering it with UFPD is a good move. When you register your bicycle, the information is entered into a database, allowing UFPD to easily access it should your bike be stolen. Ask a police officer or stop by the Community Services Division at the police department to register your bike. The service is free and takes just a few minutes.



Did You Know You Can Get a DUI on Your Bike?

According to Florida State Statute 316.2065, bicycles are vehicles. Cyclists share the roads with motor vehicles and have the same rights as car drivers. This means that cyclists also have to follow all the same rules and assume all the same responsibilities as car drivers.

Obedying the laws that apply to bicycles is one way to stay as safe as possible, and it can help you avoid a ticket. You can access the current fine amounts by going to:

<http://www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/PublicSafety/FireSafety/Operations/Health/Pages/BicycleSafety.aspx>

Common Violations on Campus:

1. Riding against traffic (including in a bike lane) or riding the wrong way on a one-way street.
2. Failure to obey traffic signs, such as stop signs or yield signs.
3. Failure to obey traffic signals, such as red lights.
4. Wearing headphones while cycling (on the road or on the sidewalk).
5. Riding at night without a white light on the front of the bike and a red light in the back (either on the road or on the sidewalk).



GatorSafe App

Download the GatorSafe App

Smartphone users who download the free GATORSAFE safety app can now report tips to the UF Police Department, make emergency calls, use the Personal Safety Toolbox that includes a flashlight and a loud alarm, find out information about alcohol and drug safety, and perform additional functions that can improve their personal safety and security.

The free GATORSAFE mobile app can be downloaded to smartphones via the Google Play & Apple App stores.

Emergency Blue Light Phones

Emergency Blue Light Telephones provide a direct link to the University of Florida Police Department. They are located throughout campus for use in case of an emergency.



If you have any questions, or would like more information or safety tips, contact:

**University of Florida Police Department
Community Services Division
(352) 392-1409**

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Don't Walk Alone at Night! Use SNAP

Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol

During the Fall & Spring terms, SNAP operates 7 nights a week from 6:30 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. Download the TapRide app from the Google or Apple app store or call (352) 392-SNAP (392-7627).

For more information visit,

www.parking.ufl.edu