

# SAFETY TIPS

## BEFORE RIDING

- **ABC** Quick Check

**AIR PRESSURE, BRAKES, CHAIN**

- Secure quick release levers
- Put devices away, remove earphones
- Wear bright or reflective clothing
- Wear a properly fitting helmet

## RIDING ALONG A STREET

- Keep devices out of your hands and ears
- Allow yourself room to maneuver around hazards
- Before turning or changing lanes, look around and behind you to be sure it's safe
- Use signals to show others when you plan to turn
- Lock your bike frame, at least one wheel, and the bike rack together.
- Stop at stop signs and at yellow traffic signals

## TALK TO DRIVERS IN YOUR FAMILY

- Drive slowly. The risk of death in a crash increases rapidly above 30 MPH.
- Give plenty of room when passing (3 feet/extra lane)
- Stop for people at crossings
- Look left and right before turning
- Be aware of blind spots and consider using a smaller vehicle.

# CROSS SAFELY IN CROSSWALKS

## **S**TOP

Wait until car wheels stop turning before crossing.

## **A**CTIVATE

The pedestrian button if available.

## **F**OUR-WAY SCAN

Look left, right, ahead, behind and then left again!

## **E**YE CONTACT

with drivers is important to communicate signals.

## **L**ANE BY LANE

Check each lane before crossing.

## **Y**IELD

to pedestrians in crosswalks.



## DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS!

### Use the **DUTCH REACH**:

Check for bikes behind you before leaving the car by reaching across with the hand farthest from the door to open it.



# RULES FOR RIDING

## BIKES, E-SCOOTERS & TRANSPORTATION DEVICES



For more information visit:  
[www.mountainview.gov/walkingandbiking](http://www.mountainview.gov/walkingandbiking)

# IT'S THE LAW:

When riding a:



or others, and;  
when riding on:



State law requires that you wear a properly fitted helmet if under age 18.

## ON SIDEWALKS:

In Mountain View, you are allowed to ride bicycles and non-motorized devices on sidewalks except on Castro Street in downtown.

### Do:

- Yield to pedestrians
- Exercise care and ride slowly.

### Don't:

- Ride on Castro Street sidewalks in downtown between Central Expressway and High School Way
- Ride e-scooters or devices 3 feet or wider on sidewalks. E-scooters, one-wheels, electric unicycles, electric skateboards and the like are not allowed on the sidewalk



## ON ROADWAYS:

Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as vehicle drivers

### Do:

- Use lights & reflectors in the dark
- Ride close to the right-hand edge
- Ride in the bike lane if available
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks
- Yield to blind pedestrians
- Ride sober
- Stop at red lights and stop signs
- It's OK to take the lane alone 2-abreast

### Don't:

- Wear earplugs or earphones in both ears
- Attach to a vehicle
- Ride e-scooters & transportation devices on streets with speed limits of 35 mph or more, except in the bike lane

The "Rules for Riding" combine California Vehicle Code and City of Mountain View rules on use of bicycles, e-bicycles, e-scooters and other transportation devices on City streets and sidewalks (MVCC Chapter 19 Articles VI).

This pamphlet is for informational purposes only. It does not constitute legal advice and is not a complete compilation of rules related to riding transportation devices. Laws governing riding a transportation device can be found in the California Vehicle Code and Mountain View City Code and may be amended from time to time, in which case some or all of the information provided here may not apply.

## WHEN PARKING:

### Do:

- Park your bike in the upright position
- Use bike racks or BikeLink lockers
- Park in the hardscaped areas of the furniture zone

### Don't:

- Ride in City garages except to access parking or destinations
- Block the pedestrian through zone
- Lock your bike to a wheelchair handrail
- Don't park within:
  - Transit platforms or waiting areas
  - 15' of crosswalks
  - 10' of bus stops, loading zones or accessible parking areas
  - 5' of street furniture or dining areas

