



JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

SHERIFF

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BICYCLING IN COLORADO: RULES OF THE ROAD

Bicyclists have all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle and can be penalized for violating traffic laws.

Ride on the right – Never ride against traffic.

Ride in the right lane, except when passing another vehicle, preparing for a left turn, or avoiding hazards. Always ride with the flow of traffic. Ride on the paved shoulder whenever one suitable for bicycle riding is present.

Ride single-file.

Ride two abreast only when no motor vehicle traffic is approaching within 300 feet (front or rear) or when all cyclists are on the shoulder. On curving canyon roads, play it safe and ride single-file.

Obey traffic laws, signs, and signals.

Use hand signals to indicate left or right turns, slowing, or stopping. Remember to obey red lights and stop signs.

Use a headlight, taillight, and reflectors at night, and make eye contact with drivers.

Never assume motorists see you or that you have the right-of-way. Expect the unexpected; your first responsibility is to avoid a crash.

Always wear a helmet.

Get a helmet that's comfortable and fits well. Wear it whenever you ride... it can reduce the severity of brain injury in a crash by 88%, and it could save your life! Replace your helmet anytime it's involved in a crash, or if it becomes worn out after normal wear and tear.

Rules for multi-use trails.

Ride, skate, and walk single-file, on the right side of the trail, and with the flow of the other trail traffic. Don't block the trail. Groups should be in single file when other trail users are present and should never use more than one-half of the trail to allow for the flow of traffic.

Control your speed!

Obey speed regulations. Slow down and use caution when approaching or overtaking other trail users.

Who yields the trail?

Before passing another trail user, be courteous and make your approach known. A friendly greeting like "Hello, passing on your left," or ringing a bell, is considerate.

- *Bicyclists, Skaters, Walkers, and Others yield to Equestrians*
- *Bicyclists and Skaters yield to Walkers*
- *Bicyclists yield to Skaters*
- *Downhill Users yield to Uphill Users*
- *Faster Users yield to Slower Users*

Never spook animals • Leave no trace • Respect wildlife • Plan ahead

Stay on existing trails and don't create any new ones. Pack out at least as much as you pack in. Carry identification and some money with you in case of emergency.

For more crime prevention tips, or to find out how you can protect your home, vehicle, and neighborhood, please contact your Crime Prevention Deputy at:

(303) 271-5363 or (720) 377-2002

You can also visit the Sheriff's Office Web site at www.jeffcosheriff.com

Please be alert for any suspicious activity, and report any unusual incidents, vehicles, or persons to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at (303) 277-0211. In the event of an emergency, please call 911 and be prepared to provide the location of the emergency.