Bicycle Safety

With the weather warming up and Spring in the air, it is important to remember bicycle safety. Here are some friendly reminders and safety tips to keep in mind while riding your bike.

⇒ Bicycles are considered vehicles and should be operated in the roadway whenever possible.
⇒ When operating in the roadway you should always ride your bike in the same direction as the traffic.
⇒ DO NOT swerve in and out of parked cars.
⇒ When operating a bike in the roadway and a bike lane is not available, you should take the whole lane to operate your bike.
⇒ Bicycles are required to obey all the same traffic laws and road signs as a vehicle, and are required to stop at all stop signs.
⇒ Don’t forget to wear your helmet.
⇒ Have reflectors and lights on your bike if operating at dusk or dark.

When operating a bicycle always remember to signal your direction of travel so vehicles know what your intended direction is. Below are examples of signaling directions.

Here are some reminders to vehicles sharing the roadway with bicyclist.

⇒ Remember bicycles need room to avoid debris and obstructions in the roadway.
⇒ Be observant and watch for the cyclists signals.
⇒ Change lanes when passing bicycles. DO NOT attempt to share a lane to pass a bike.

Remembering these simple safety reminders will make for a safer environment for everyone on campus.

Additionally, don’t forget to register your bicycle with UWWPS. It’s free of charge and easy to do. Just stop by the front desk of the police department, located in Goodhue Hall, and register your bike with us.

Spring Safety Reminders from your Police Department

⇒ When operating a vehicle be aware of more pedestrians out and about.
⇒ Long boards and skateboards are not allowed in the roadway.
⇒ Don’t forget about sun safety.
⇒ Stay hydrated and enjoy the weather.

UWWPS in Action

Pictured Right Front: Chief Kiederlen
UWWPS Participated in the campus wide “ITS ON US” campaign.