



Apple Valley Police Department

When Bicycling— Obey the Rules of the Road

BICYCLING ON THE ROAD

Minnesota State Statute 169.222: Operation of a Bicycle

- **Traffic laws apply:** All bicyclists shall have the same rights and duties applicable to vehicles riding on the roadway.
- **Riding rules:**
 - * Ride as close to the right-hand curb or edge of roadway,
 - * Bicycles must travel the same direction of traffic when in the roadway
 - * Bicycles shall not impede traffic when in the roadway
 - * Bicycles operating on a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and shall give an audible signal when passing a pedestrian when necessary
- **Bicycle equipment:** for night riding, bike or operator must be equipped with a headlamp and rear reflector visible from a distance of 500 feet away
- **Turning, lane change:** an arm signal to turn left or right shall be made before turning

BIKE SAFETY

1. Protect your head—wear a helmet
2. Stay visible—wear bright colored clothing, have lights and reflectors on your bike
3. Stay alert—watch out for obstacles in your path
4. Go with the flow—bike in the direction of traffic
5. Don't get distracted—don't listen to music or talk on the phone while riding
6. Obey all traffic laws and lights
7. Assure bicycle readiness—make sure your bike seat is properly adjusted, tires are properly inflated, and brakes are in proper working order



Resources

- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration—www.nhtsa.gov/bicycles
- Minnesota Safety Council—www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org/bicycle
- Minnesota Department of Public Safety—www.dps.mn.gov
- Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota—www.bikemn.org