

Tips for Group Riding



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RIDE SMART TIPS

STAY ALERT – watch for cars, other riders and hazards. Do not wear electronic devices in ears, and do not answer or make calls while riding. Momentary inattention is the number one cause of accidents.

MOVE OFF THE ROAD WHEN STOPPING – pull completely off the road or trail to let cars and riders pass; do not block driveways or intersections.

ACT LIKE A CAR – OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS – stop at stop signs, and use hand signals.

RETAIN SPACE BETWEEN YOURSELF AND OTHERS – leave enough room to dodge obstacles.

TELL OTHERS WHEN PASSING AND PASS ON LEFT.

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Bicycle Traffic Laws

Washington State Bicycle Traffic Laws

Laws for Bicyclists: Cyclists have all the RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES of vehicle drivers. Bicyclists must obey all traffic laws. 🏠 RCW 46.61.755

Lane positions:

Ride as far to the right as is SAFE, except when preparing to turn or when passing another vehicle.

Ride no more than two abreast, and only when safe to do so.

Occupy the center of a lane when the lane is too narrow to share or when it would be unsafe to ride to the right.

Cyclists may ride on a path, lane, shoulder, or travel lane.

🏠 RCW 46.61.770

Helmets: Helmets are required by law in King County and many other jurisdictions.

🏠 King County Board of Health Title 9

Lights: Use a white front light (visible for 500 feet) and a red rear reflector at night. A red rear light may be used in addition to the rear reflector.

🏠 RCW 46.61.780

Turns: Use hand signals (and look) before turning. 🏠 RCW 46.61.758

Stop for pedestrians: Always yield to pedestrians. 🏠 RCW 46.61.261

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