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Kids & Bicycle Safety

Safe Riding Tips:

Wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet. Adjust your bicycle to fit. Check your Equipment. See and Be Seen. Control your bicycle. Watch for and avoid road hazards. Avoid riding at night.

Rules of the Road: Bicycling on the Road

Go with the traffic flow.
Obey all traffic laws.
Yield to traffic when appropriate.
Be predictable.
Stay Alert at all times.
Look before turning.
Watch for parked cars.

Sidewalk versus Street Riding

The safest place for bicycle riding is on the street, where bicycles are expected to follow the same rules of the road as motorists and ride in the same direction.

- Children less than 10 years old, however, are not mature enough to make the decisions necessary to safely ride in the street.
- Children less than 10 years old are better off riding on the sidewalk.

For anyone riding on a sidewalk:

- Watch for vehicles coming out of or turning into driveways.
- Stop at corners of sidewalks and streets to look for cars and to make sure the drivers see you before crossing.
- Enter a street at a corner and not between parked cars. Alert pedestrians that you are near by saying, "Excuse me," or, "Passing on your left," or use a bell or horn.

