SAFETY FIRST!

RIDE DEFensively
Read the road in advance of entering it. See what you can from your current position, and try to predict what others are likely to do. The bicycle has more inertia than an automobile. Watch out for people crossing unexpectedly at intersections and driveways. Children最爱 to look out for other opening cars, leave grave and rough surfaces. Cross-countryside roads slowly. Pedestrians, horses and farm animals impeding your path are prepared for cars running across your path. When in doubt, stop for the car before the car stops for you.

USE HAND SIGNALS
Hand signals will communicate what you intend to do. Signal your mirror, cornering, and self-protection. Do not leave your hand signals until you have performed your own actions when you signal.

FOLLOW LANE MARKINGS
Get in the middle of the lane if it's safe and avoid unnecessary lane changes. Be visible, predictable and flow with the traffic stream.

RIDE WITH THE TRAFFIC
Movement is looking left for traffic, see on the left side of the road. Runway riding is the wrong side of the road. Runway riders are evading the traffic. The right side of the road is against the lane travel pattern and is only on your bike during a break in traffic.

USE LIGHTS AT NIGHT
Bike lights are not a substitute for headlamps. Use lights to reflect light back. When you use lights, make sure they are electrically reliable and have a minimum of 60 lumens (30 lumens for red or yellow lights). Red lights are a signal to others that you are turning left.

WALK YOUR BIKE ON DOWNTOWN SIDESLINES
Walk your bike on the sidewalks if you are not comfortable riding in traffic. Only ride in the bike lane when you are sure the conditions are safe for you.

AVOID ROAD HAZARDS
Wear a helmet and other protective equipment such as gloves, arm guards, and leg guards. Do not ride on or near construction areas or areas where people are working. Do not ride on or near public transport areas such as bus stops or train stations.

RIDE READY TO BRAKE
Brake well ahead of the brakes. Do not pump the brakes on your bike. Runway riders are not able to stop as quickly as other riders can. Use the brakes to slow down.

DRESS APPROPRIATELY
Wear bright colors, especially in cold conditions. Be visible to others and do not wear dark clothing.

USE A PACK OR A RACK
Use a pack or a rack to carry your gear. Do not use handles. Keep your gear on the back of your bike.

WEAR A HELMET
Head injuries are a leading cause of death in bicycle accidents. Use a helmet that fits properly and is certified by the CPSC.

BE PREDICTABLE
Owning traffic signs, signals, and self-expression. You must be able to make others aware of your intentions.

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