

Patrol reminds bike-riders to be safe and 'Bike Smart'

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Recently the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) shared a reminder about laws related to bicycle-riding in our state. With the closures of many facilities throughout Arizona due to COVID-19, people are out riding bikes more than ever, so your team in Patrol wanted to share this information with the community as well. Please review the following and stay safe while riding in PebbleCreek.

Be Safe, Bike Smart

- Obey traffic control devices (stop signs, signals, lane markings) - Bicyclists must follow the rules of the road like other vehicles.
- Ride on the right - Always ride with the flow of traffic. Riding against traffic is dangerous.
- Ride predictably - Follow the same rules motorists do, and travel in a straight line without swerving.
- Protect your head - Always wear a helmet, even on the shortest trips.
- Follow lane markings - Don't turn left from the right lane. Don't ride straight in a lane marked Right-Turn Only.
- Ride correctly through intersections - Use the right-most lane that goes in your direction. If you're heading straight, get in the through lane, not to the right of a right-turning vehicle.
- Signal before you move or stop - Hand signals let drivers and others know what you intend to do.
- Enter streets and intersections cautiously - Always check for oncoming traffic.

- Ride defensively on the road - Anticipate hazards and be ready to adjust your position in traffic.
- Don't ride on the sidewalk - Many people consider sidewalks a safe place to ride because cars don't travel on them. Unfortunately, sidewalks aren't safe. Stay off them, Trees, hedges, parked cars, buildings and doorways create blind spots along a sidewalk, which is too narrow to allow you to swerve out of the way if someone appears. A pedestrian on the sidewalk can sidestep suddenly, And cars do use sidewalks - at every driveway and cross street.
- Be visible and be seen - Wear bright colors to increase your visibility and make eye contact with drivers.
- Look behind you - Know how to look over your shoulder and not swerve or lose balance. Rear-view mirrors are an option.

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