

Bicycle Safety Resources from NHTSA

Enhancing Bicycle Safety through Enforcement: Tools for Officers

IPMBA members know the rules of the road as they apply to cyclists and are personally familiar with the safety challenges of riding a bicycle in traffic. Your colleagues who don't perform public safety on a bicycle, however, may not be as aware. NHTSA offers resources and training tools to educate police officers about enforcing traffic law as it pertains to cyclists. Please increase the safety of all road users, including bicyclists, by encouraging all law enforcement officers to be aware and apply the laws. These resources include:

Roll Call Video: Enforcing Laws for Bicyclists

This roll call video for law enforcement officers provides an introduction to some of the common violations by both bicyclists and motorists that contribute to motor vehicle-bicycle crashes. It discusses how enforcement can play a role in preventing crashes and the importance of reporting crashes when they do occur. The video also promotes NHTSA's new self-paced interactive law enforcement training, *Enhancing Safety for Bicyclists – Law Enforcement's Role*, and other training resources. This video can be viewed directly on the NHTSA website, www.nhtsa.gov. Click on Traffic Safety and then click on Bicycles. Finally, click "Law Enforcement Roll Call Video: Enforcing Law for Bicyclists" to play the video. For more information contact NHTSA's Safety Countermeasures Division at 202-366-1739 or email Paula Bawer at paula.bawer@dot.gov.

Enhancing Bicycle Safety: Law Enforcement's Role

This is a CD-ROM self-paced interactive training for all law enforcement officers. It includes seven content sections with videos and a final evaluation. Content includes: Why Law Enforcement; Understanding Bicycle Crashes; Applying Traffic Laws to Cyclists; Specific Laws for Cyclists; Enforcement Techniques; Crash Investigation and Reporting; and Review and Next Steps. Completion of the final evaluation prompts a certificate of completion and the achieved score. Based on their state-defined passing score, the learner may be eligible for in-service training hours. Estimated contact time for completing the training is approximately 2 hours. To request a copy, contact NHTSA's Safety Countermeasures Division at 202-366-1739 or email Paula Bawer at paula.bawer@dot.gov.

Bicycle Safety Activity Kit

NHTSA has put together this *Bicycle Safety Activity Kit* to provide parents, caregivers, teachers, community leaders, and children with tools to learn the important basics about bicycle safety. This kit can be used in school or community bicycle safety programs or in conjunction with Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs. The kit contains age-appropriate activities emphasizing crashes and related injuries while bicycling. While the activities focus on awareness and education, through applying this knowledge to actual safety behaviors we can help to save a life; the life may even be yours or that of your child. The kit is available in English (*Bicycle Safety Activity Kit*) and Spanish (*Seguridad en Bicicletas*). To access the material, go to www.nhtsa.gov, click on Traffic Safety, click on Bicyclists, scroll down to Activities and Materials for Kids, and click on *Bicycle Safety Activity Kit*.

Other NHTSA Educational Materials

The following resources are also available through NHTSA.

Visit www.nhtsa.gov, click on Traffic Safety, and then on Bicycles to access these materials.

Brochures for Download

Bikeability Checklist

Kids and Bicycle Safety

Kids and Bicycle Safety - (Spanish)

Easy Steps for Fitting a Bicycle Helmet

Easy Steps for Fitting a Bicycle Helmet - (Spanish)

Prevent Bicycle Crashes: Parents and Caregivers

Seven Smart Routes to Bicycle Safety

Videos and Clips

For Kids - Ride Smart. It's Time to Start. (2002)

For Kids - Bike Safe. Bike Smart. (2004)

For Adults - Bicycle Safety Tips for Adults

Activities and Materials for Kids

Bicycle Safety Activity Kit

Back to School Safely

Play It Safe: My Traffic Safety Fun Site

Pedestrian Safety Trail and Bike Tour

Walking and Biking Safety – Toddlers and Preschoolers

Walking and Biking Safety – Kindergarten to Grade 3

Resource Guides

International Walk To School Month/Back To School Planner for Pedestrians, Bicyclists, and School Bus Riders

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Resource Guide

Bicycle Helmet Use Laws: Lessons Learned From Selected Sites

Resource Guide on Laws Related to Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

National Strategies for Advancing Bicycle Safety

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

DOT SRTS Clearinghouse

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Guide

Safe Routes to School – Tool Kit

Safe Routes to School – Practice & Promise

Walkability Checklist

FHWA Office of Safety - Safe Routes to School

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