

HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS

BICYCLE SAFETY

- Ride with traffic. Stop at stop signs; obey traffic lights; obey most other traffic laws and signs.
- Except when turning, ride in a straight line to avoid hitting someone or something, driving over drains, railroad tracks, hole or hazards.
- Use the same hand signals as drivers of automobiles before turning.
- Ride as near to the curb or edge of the street as possible.
- On one-way streets with two or more lanes, ride near the left or the right curb, or the edge of the street.
- When passing parked cars, look through the rear windows to see if there is someone in the car who might open a door in your path.
- Use bicycle lanes where marked on the street. When leaving the bicycle lane to avoid a hazard, do so only when it's safe.
- Get off of the bicycle and "walk" it across busy intersections using the crosswalk.
- Do not allow anyone to ride as a passenger unless there is a separate seat attached to the bike.
- Do not carry anything that prevents you from holding the handlebars with at least one hand. "No-hands" riding is dangerous.
- Do not hitch rides by holding on or attaching the bike to any other vehicle.
- Do not ride on freeways where signs are posted prohibiting bicycles.
- Do not park a bicycle on its side so there is no room for people walking on the sidewalk.