



Bicycle Safety Inspection

- | YES | NO | Check before riding! |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Knee slightly bent with rider on seat, foot on pedal in lowest position |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Seat parallel to ground |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Handle bars — tight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Handle bar grips — tight in place |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Seat — tight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Wheels tight, no wobble, not bent, not rubbing frame |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Tires — correct inflation, not worn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Spokes — tight; none broken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Red rear reflector — red, clean (Required by law for night riding) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Front light—white working properly (Required by law for night riding) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. Pedals — tight, not worn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Chain ¼ inch play, clean, oiled, not rusty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 13. Brakes — will skid wheel, no worn cables, no worn pads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 14. Lock and chain to prevent theft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 15. Henrico County Bicycle License (Required by law) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 16. Bicycle helmet — make sure it is properly fitted and worn correctly |

Bicycle Registration

We encourage every bicycle owner to comply with Henrico County Code, Chapter 22, Section 22-342 by registering his/her bicycle with the Police Division. To register your bicycle, fill in the form and follow directions below.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: (Last) _____

(First) _____ (MI) _____

Street: _____

Apartment #: _____

City: _____ State: VA Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____

Make of Bicycle: _____ Boy's Girl's

Size: _____ Brake Name: _____

Color: _____ Headlight Taillight Reflector

Serial Number: _____

Bring this form and \$1.00 to the Public Safety Building at 7721 E. Parham Road to receive your license and registration. Or mail this form along with a check or money order for \$1.00 and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Henrico County Police Division, P.O. Box 90775, Henrico, VA 23273-0775, and you will receive a license and registration card. NO cash, please.



Bicycle Safety Tips



What you must know to stay safe while cycling ...

Henrico County Police Division
Non-Emergency — 501-5000
Emergency Only — 911



Bicyclist's responsibilities

ALWAYS:

- Wear a helmet when riding your bike.
- Ride with traffic as far to the right side of the roadway as is practical.
- Obey traffic signs and signals.
- Ride single file.
- Use hand signals to let motorists know when and where you are going to turn.
- Be alert for roadway hazards such as rocks, sticks, gravel, glass, sewer grates and animals.
- Look and listen for traffic. Do not wear headphones so you can hear the traffic. (Required by law)
- Have a front white light and a rear red reflector if you ride after dark.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing after dark.
- Register your bike with police.
- Lock your bicycle when leaving it unattended.



stop

It is important that you use these hand signals to let other drivers and cyclists know what you are doing and where you are going.



Left turn



Right turn

* Helmets save lives!

- Nearly 70 percent of all fatal bicycle crashes involve head injuries.
- Only about 20 to 25 percent of all bicyclists wear bicycle helmets.
- Nationally, bicyclists aged 14 and under are at five times greater risk for injury than older cyclists.
- Bicycle helmets are 85 to 88 percent effective in preventing or minimizing head and brain injuries. . .

So wear a helmet whenever cycling.
It could save your life!



Use hand signals

Virginia Codes and Laws

Code of Virginia (Excerpts)

•Below are just a couple of codes (laws) that govern bicycle riding in Virginia. For the entire list of codes and accompanying information, visit the following web page:
<http://leg1.state.va.us/000/src.htm>

Type the code numbers below in the search bar to see each code in its entirety.

§ 46.2-800. ...
Every person riding a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, moped, or an animal or driving an animal on a highway shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter and shall have all of the rights and duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, unless the context of the provision clearly indicates otherwise.

§ 46.2-1078. ...

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle, bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped on the highways in the Commonwealth while using earphones on or in both ears.

Henrico code (Excerpts)

Below are just a couple of codes (laws) that govern bicycle riding in Henrico County. For the entire list of codes and accompanying information, visit the following web page:
<http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=14737&stateId=46&stateName=Virginia>

Type the numbers of the codes listed below, in the search bar to see each code in its entirety.

Sec. 22-351. Certificate of registration required; display of registration number. ...

Sec. 22-350. Riding on sidewalk or crosswalk

(a) No person shall ride a bicycle on designated sidewalks or crosswalks, including those of any church, school, recreational facility, or any business property open to the public where such activity is prohibited. Signs indicating such prohibition shall be conspicuously posted in general areas where bicycle riding is prohibited.

(b) In locations where the riding of bicycles on sidewalks or crosswalks is not prohibited:

(1) A person riding a bicycle upon and along a sidewalk, or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk, shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

(2) A person shall not ride a bicycle upon and along a sidewalk, or across a roadway upon and along a sidewalk, where such use of bicycles is prohibited by official traffic control devices.

(3) A person riding a bicycle upon and along a sidewalk, or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk, shall have all the rights and duties of a pedestrian under the same circumstances.

To read each code in its entirety, visit the web sites listed above.

* <http://www.nhtsa.gov/DOT/NHTSA/Communication%20&%20Consumer%20Information/Articles/Associated%20Files/810886.pdf>