

Basic Rules of the Road for Young Children

- Young children should never ride their bicycles without an adult present.
- Children, especially young children should never ride their bicycles at night. At all times, children should have on bright clothing to be more easily seen.
- Place a rack or basket, designed for bicycles, on your child's bicycle, or have them use a backpack to make sure their hands are both free to operate the bicycle.
- All cyclists are to ride with traffic and on the right side of the road.
- Stop, look both ways and listen before leaving the driveway.
- Stop at all stop signs, red lights. Obey all rules of the road.
- All bicycles must have a white light on the front and a red light or reflector on the back.



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- All bicycles must be equipped with a bell or a horn.
- Use hand signals to let others know what you are doing. These are easily taught to young children.
- Ride single-file and in a straight line. Parents should always know where their children are while cycling.
- If using a crosswalk, walk your bicycle through the intersection.
- Riding a bicycle or tricycle on a sidewalk is not permitted.
- A safe way of transporting younger children is in a bicycle trailer that has a five-point safety harnesses, reflectors and a fluorescent flag. A child that can not hold up its head yet, or sit up without support should never be put into a bicycle trailer. Most are designed to transport children aged 18 months and up. All children in trailers must wear a helmet.

