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BICYCLE SAFETY

PLAN AHEAD

- Plan your route; let someone know where you are going.
- Know your limitations
- Be familiar with your route. Be aware of the locations of police and fire stations, and hospitals. If possible, take a cell phone in case of emergency.
- Carry identification with you.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Wear light or reflective clothing, especially at night
- Bicycles must be equipped with a white head light, red tail light or reflector and side reflectors that can be seen from at least 500 feet away.

WHILE YOU ARE OUT

- Stay alert and aware of your surroundings no matter where you are. Don't wear headphones as they prevent you from hearing your surroundings.
- Be aware of the conditions around you; keep your eyes open for changing road conditions such as slick patches or uneven terrain.
- Be ready to break at any time. Don't carry any items that may prevent you from using both of your hands.
- Always trust your instincts.
- Stay in well-lit areas and on heavily traveled streets. Avoid routes that take you through parking lots, alleys, or other dark vacant areas.

KNOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD

- Bicycles are considered a vehicle on the road and must obey all traffic signals and signs. They must also follow all lane markings, i.e. do not go straight through a right turn only lane.
- Do not ride against traffic.
- Do not weave in between cars and do not pass on the right, cars do not expect it and frequently will not be looking for it.
- Be aware of the traffic around you; listen for approaching cars and check over your shoulder from time to time.
- Use appropriate hand signals when turning.
- There are two ways to make a left turn, either like a car or like a pedestrian. Whichever left turn you choose, make sure to follow the rules associated with it (follow posted signs and street signals).
- Bicycles must yield to pedestrians.
- Make eye contact with drivers. If you do not make eye contact, you cannot assume that a driver sees you.
- Stay as far to the right of the road as practical unless passing, turning left, traveling straight when a right turn only lane is present, or if the road is too narrow to do otherwise.
- Never ride with more than two bicycles side by side when traveling on the road. If on the sidewalk, bicycles must travel single file.

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Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County require all bicycles to be licensed. See [Utah Code](#) Section 11-21-1 and [Salt Lake City Code](#) 12.80.010 and 5.18.030.

The purpose of the license is to assist an owner in recovering his or her bicycle if stolen.

Bicycle licenses can be obtained at the Salt Lake City **Bicycle Collective** (2312 S West Temple) or at the **Salt Lake City Police Department** (475 South 300 East, 8am-3pm, Monday-Friday). Go to the front desk and ask about bicycle licensing and someone will be called to help you. When you register your bicycle, you should receive a bicycle registration sticker.

Make sure to bring your bicycle and a photo ID. A bicycle license is a suggested \$1.00 donation at the Bicycle Collective, and costs \$2.00 at most other locations.

The most common item taken in District 6 burglaries and thefts is bicycles. Please take a few minutes and make sure your bicycle is licensed. Your bike information will be stored in a database that SLCPD has access to just in case your bike is stolen.

Stay safe and enjoy the bicycle season.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

An advertisement for the Salt Lake City Volunteer Corps. It features a red circle with a diagonal line through it over a silhouette of a person, symbolizing a "no" or "stop" sign. The text reads: "Want to help keep your neighborhood safe? Join Salt Lake City Volunteer Corps or start a Neighborhood Watch. For more information, visit www.slcpd.com or call 801-799-6397". On the right side, there is a logo for the Salt Lake City Police Department (SLCPD) Volunteer Corps, which includes a shield with three stylized figures and the text "SLCPD VOLUNTEER CORPS".

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