BICYCLE TRAFFIC LAW SUMMARIZED:

A bicycle is a vehicle, and a person operating a bicycle has the same responsibilities as a driver operating a vehicle.

All laws and signs that regulate the movement of vehicles on the roadway also apply to bicycles. Therefore, a bicyclist is required to obey all traffic laws. This includes stopping at all stop signs and all stop (red) lights.

A person operating a bicycle on a roadway who is moving slower than the other traffic on the roadway shall ride as near as possible to the right curb or edge of the roadway. Bicyclists must use hand signals to signal their intent to stop, turn left or turn right.

The bicyclist must use the following signals:

**Stop** — Extend the left hand and arm downward.
**Left turn** — Extend the left hand and arm horizontally.
**Right turn** — Extend the left hand and arm upward, or extend the right hand and arm horizontally.

Every bike must be equipped with a brake capable of making a braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement. A person may not operate a bicycle at nighttime unless the bicycle is equipped with the following: **a head lamp** — a lamp on the front of the bicycle that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet in front of the bicycle; and **a red reflector/red lamp** — with either a red reflector that is visible from 300 feet from the rear of the bicycle, or a red lamp visible from 500 feet from the rear of the bicycle.

Other Programs Offered to the UTSAPD Community

- Bicycle Registration and tune up training workshops
- Safety Escort
- Self-defense Classes
- Whistle Defense
- Sexual Assault Awareness
- Alcohol Awareness Classes
- Drug Awareness Classes

**Crime Prevention Unit** “It’s a Team Thing”

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Report a crime! Want to remain anonymous? Log on to www.utsa.edu/utspd “Silent Witness Program.”

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BICYCLE THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

1) LOCK UP YOUR BIKE. Always lock your bike to a bicycle rack, use a good quality “casehardened” or “hardened” U-bolt lock; Secure the U-bolt lock through the bike frame, the rear wheel and the bicycle rack. If possible, remove the front wheel and secure it with the rear wheel and frame, or run a cable through both tires. Don’t position the lock low to the ground. A thief can attack the lock more easily and less obviously in that position.

2) Engrave your driver’s license number onto the bike frame. Also, write down the serial number of the bike, and keep it where you can find it later.

3) Report suspicious behavior around bicycle racks.

4) Register your bike with the Parking Services; if your bike is stolen, report it immediately to the University Police Department at 210.458.4242.

Pro Tips for Bicycle Usage!

✓ Helmet
   In the event of a crash or fall, a helmet reduces chance of a serious head injury by up to 85%.

✓ Lights
   Texas law requires a front white light and rear red light or reflector when you ride at night.

✓ Tool Kit
   Carry a tool kit with an 8mm or 10 mm Allen wrench, screwdriver, tire levers, spare inner tube, and portable air pump.

✓ Bell/Horn
   A bell or horn (or yell) can alert pedestrians and other bicyclists to your presence.

✓ Racks, Bags, and Baskets
   There are lots of options for toting your things while letting you keep both hands on the handlebars and your load balanced.

Why travel by Bicycle?

Choosing to bike is a fun, cool and easy alternative to driving.

It’s Easy ➔ Any type of bike, any clothes, ride any distance at your own pace.

It’s Healthy ➔ Run errands, bike to work, and get exercise all at the same time! Work out without extra gym time from your day!

It’s Convenient ➔ Making short trips by bicycle is as fast or faster than driving. There’s always shortcuts where no vehicle can go.

It Saves Money ➔ You can save thousands of dollars a year in case and vehicle maintenance. That’s not including parking and insurance fees!

It’s Green ➔ Bicycles don’t pollute. It’s that easy.

It’s Fun! ➔ Why do we cycle? Because we love it! People are in a good mood while and after a good ride on a bike compared to other modes of transportation!