Bicycle Safety

A bicycle is a great way to get around campus. However, there are several precautions that you can take to help you have a safer bicycling experience on campus.

Other Programs Offered to the UTSA Community ..........

- Safety Escort
- Operation Identification
- Operation Bookmark
- Self-Defense Classes
- Whistle Defense
- Sexual Assault Awareness
- Alcohol Awareness Classes
- Drug Awareness Classes

Crime Prevention Unit
“It’s a Team Thing”
Sgt Elizabeth Carter and Officer Maranda Tupper

210-458-6974

The University of Texas at San Antonio Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE!

One UTSA Circle
San Antonio, Texas 78249
Emergency: 210.458.4911
Non-Emergency: 210.458.4242
Crime Prevention Unit: 210.458.6974
E-mail: crimeprevention@utsa.edu

Report a crime! Want to remain anonymous? Log on to www.utsa.edu/utsapd, "Silent Witness Program".

Protecting Your Future...Today!
**BICYCLE TRAFFIC LAWS**

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 a distance of 300 feet from the rear of the bicycle, or a red lamp visible from a distance of 500 feet from the rear of the bicycle.

**BICYCLE THEFT PREVENTION TIPS**

Follow these guidelines when locking a bike:

**LOCK UP YOUR BIKE.**

- Always lock your bike to a bicycle rack. Use a good-quality “case-hardened” 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;
- 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;
- Report suspicious behavior around bicycle racks;
- Register your bike with the Parking Services;
- Don’t position the lock low to the ground. A thief can attack the lock more easily and less obviously in that position.

If your bike is stolen, report it immediately to the University Police Department at 210.458.4242.

**BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS**

Always wear a properly fitting helmet with chin straps. Always obey the traffic lights and signs. Use proper hand signals when turning or stopping.

When riding your bike at night make sure your bike is equipped with a red reflector on the rear and a headlight in the front. Wear reflective clothing. Keep the bike in good working order. Don’t use headphones, keep both ears available to hear what is going on around you. Make eye contact with vehicle drivers before crossing the intersection. Use caution when riding your bike in parking lots. Watch for cars backing out of parking spaces.