



# Rules for cyclists

**As riding a bicycle continues to become a popular way to travel in our community it is important that your child has a sound knowledge of the laws and their responsibilities when cycling.**

**Please take the time to talk about the rules your child needs to follow when cycling.**

- Children up to 12 years of age are allowed to cycle on the footpath.
- Cyclists must always wear a bicycle helmet while riding.
- Cyclists must always ride on the left and go with the flow. Never ride against traffic. Cars will not be expecting to find a cyclist when they round a corner or go over a hill.
- Ride single file. When passing other cyclists or pedestrians let them know your position by ringing your bell.
- Stop at all STOP signs and traffic lights.
- Always signal before making a left or right turn. When cyclists want to stop, turn right or left, they must signal for long enough to warn other road users.
- Cyclists must get off their bikes and wheel them across crosswalks, school crossings and at traffic signals that have pedestrian phasing (ie walk and don't walk lights).
- Don't double dink. Dinking makes it hard for a cyclist to see the road and they might lose control of their bike.
- Always have at least one hand on the handlebars.
- Give way to pedestrians on footpaths and shared paths. Ring your bell to let them know you are approaching.
- Your bicycle must be roadworthy and legal. That means it needs to have brakes in working order, a front and back light, reflectors, and tyres in good condition



**More information on cycling and the road laws are available on the Department of Transport website at <http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/activetransport/24022.asp>**

Thank you for playing a vital role in your child's road safety education.