

RIVER FOREST POLICE CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

COMMUNITY SAFETY BULLETIN





Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety







With spring here and summer approaching, there will be an increase of a pedestrian and cyclist traffic on our streets and sidewalks. Please keep these tips in mind:

- It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners using crosswalks.
- If you must walk or jog on a roadway, keep to the LEFT (against traffic) and be alert to vehicle traffic.
- When cycling in the roadway, ride to the RIGHT (with traffic).
- Cyclists in the roadway must obey the same "rules of the road" as motor vehicles, such as signaling turns, obeying traffic control devices, and right of way.
- Avoid wearing dark clothing when cycling, skating or jogging at night. Wear bright clothing, with reflective elements if possible.
- When cycling at night, state law requires bikes have a front light (white, visible at 500 feet) and a red reflector in the rear. RFPD recommends also using a red light attached to the rear.
- When cycling, always wear a helmet!
- Please notify RFPD of any suspicious behavior or circumstances you may see. If you are being followed or harassed, move to a safe location and call 911.

With these tips, we hope everyone will be able to have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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