








Bike & E-Scooter Safety

New Rules for River Forest Residents







Voluntary Bicycle Registration

Residents can voluntarily register their bicycles with the Police Department at no charge. This helps in recovering lost or stolen bikes. A license will be affixed to your bike, and the department will keep a record of your bicycle's details.





Low-Speed E-Scooter

-  **Speed:** ≤ 10 mph
-  **Weight:** < 100 lb
-  **Age:** ≥ 18 years
-  **Allowed:** Roads & bike lanes
-  **Lights:** White front & red rear






High-Speed E-Scooter

-  **Max Speed:** 15 mph
-  **Motor:** ≤ 750W
-  **Age:** ≥ 18 years
-  **Allowed:** Roads & bike lanes
-  **Not on:** Sidewalks
-  **Lights:** White front & red rear




E-Bike Class 1

-  **Max Speed:** 20 mph (pedal assist)
-  **Age:** No state minimum
-  **Allowed:** Where bikes are allowed
-  **Lights:** White front & red rear

E-Bike Class 2

-  **Max Speed:** 20 mph (throttle)
-  **Age:** No state minimum
-  **Allowed:** Where bikes are allowed
-  **Not on:** Sidewalks
-  **Lights:** White front & red rear

E-Bike Class 3

-  **Max Speed:** 28 mph (pedal assist)
-  **Age:** ≥ 16 years
-  **Allowed:** Where bikes are allowed
-  **No Throttle**
-  **Lights:** White front & red rear

Helmets

Always Wear a Helmet: Your helmet is your best defense against head injuries. Make sure it fits snugly and is properly fastened.

Remember, helmets are required for riders under 16.

Be Visible: Wear bright clothing and use lights or reflectors, especially when riding at dawn, dusk, or night.

Follow Traffic Rules: Obey all traffic signals and signs. Ride in the same direction as traffic and use hand signals to indicate your intentions.

Stay Alert: Keep an eye out for obstacles, pedestrians, and other vehicles. Avoid distractions like using your phone while riding.

Regular Maintenance: Check your bike regularly to ensure it's in good working condition. Pay attention to brakes, tires, and chains.

HAPPY AND SAFE RIDING!