

Bicycling and the UO

Riding a bicycle to and from the University of Oregon, as well as around the campus, is a great way to travel. We encourage use of the excellent network of bike lanes, paths, and bicycle parking facilities that the University and the Cities of Eugene and Springfield provide. Please remember these things when biking: equipment, laws, rules, and regulations. We hope that this page will help make bicycling safe, fun and convenient in the city and at the University of Oregon.

Bicycle Safety

Operation – Always ride your bike in a safe, controlled, defensive manner. Obey all laws, rules, and regulations, and pay attention to what is going on around you. Watch out for motorists, pedestrians, and other bicyclists, and always use your lights in conditions of limited visibility.

Theft Prevention – Always securely lock your bicycle to a bicycle rack – even if you are only going to be gone “for a minute.” Use a quality lock, or locks, that allow you to secure your rear wheel and frame to the rack at a minimum (alloy, U-style locks are available from most bicycle supply stores and the UO Office of Public Safety). Register your bike free of charge with the UO Office of Public Safety. Registration permanently records your serial number with OPS (if it doesn't have a serial number, we can help engrave your Driver's License number on the frame). In case the bike is stolen, this registration can greatly help in possibly recovering the bicycle.

Rules of the Road

All Traffic laws, signals, and signs apply to bicycles just as they do any other vehicle. A bicyclist is required to obey all state laws and city ordinances, and it is in the best interest of all concerned that they do so – for the safety of all pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. In addition to these state laws and city ordinances, the University has its own set of bicycle rules and regulations that must be followed. These rules are covered completely under Oregon Administrative Rules Division 60, Chapter 571 including (but not limited to) 070, 075, 080, 085, 090, and 095.

Bicycle Registration – It is required that all students, faculty, visitors, and staff who operate, store or park bicycles on the UO campus have them registered with the Office of Public Safety. It is fast, easy, and free.

Riding on Campus – As a bicycle rider on the UO campus, you have a responsibility to ride only on streets and posted bicycle routes. Riding on the landscape, sidewalks, or other walkways can land you a hefty citation, not to mention the fact that it seriously endangers the safety of pedestrians.

Bicycles in Motion – Remember to always operate your bicycle in a safe and controlled manner, never exceeding 15 MPH on campus unless otherwise posted, and always yield the right-of-way to pedestrians. ALWAYS obey all traffic control signs and signals – STOP signs mean you, too. If you are involved in any sort of collision, you are required to render aid as appropriate, call the UO Office of Public Safety, and remain at the scene until you are released by the attending officer. If there are injuries, a written report will have to be filed.

Bicycle Parking – It's really pretty simple – only park in areas specifically designed and designated for bike parking. Bike racks (both open and covered) are located throughout the campus for bike use, and there are a few bike lockers available for rent next to Oregon Hall on a first-come-first-served basis. Trees, handrails, hallways, etc. are not for bicycle parking and can end up getting your bike cited and/or impounded. If you have your own office on campus, you can store your bike inside it if you so choose – but remember to walk, not ride, your bike in the building.

Equipment

Brakes – Be sure that they are in good working order and adjusted properly. The bike should be able to skid on dry, level, clean pavement when brakes are applied.

Tires – Check for worn spots and cracks or damage to the rubber.

Chain and gears – Be sure your chain is in good condition and your gearing and cable system is in good repair and properly adjusted.

Helmet – NEVER ride without it – it could save your life!

Lights – ALWAYS have a front headlight (visible at least 500 feet in front of the bike), rear reflectors, and pedal reflectors. A taillight and side reflectors

are a good idea. Your rear reflectors and taillight must be visible at least 600 feet behind the bicycle when hit by the low beam headlights of a following vehicle.

Rear View Mirror – A good idea to keep track of the traffic.

Tool Kit – For those quick repairs to keep you rolling. It can include a tire patch kit, a spare inner tube, etc.

Bike Wear – Rain gear to keep you dry, eye wear to protect from flying objects, and gloves for the cold and scratches and abrasions.

If Things Go Wrong

Your Bicycle is Stolen – It does happen, even with the best efforts to prevent it. Immediately report the theft, either to the Eugene or Springfield Police Departments, or the UO Office of Public Safety. OPS will be able to provide you with the pertinent details about your bicycle (serial number, frame size, permit number, etc.) from your Bicycle Registration Form on file.

You Break the Rules – If you break the rules, you can and will be cited. In some instances your bicycle can be impounded. Aside from moving violations – which can and will be enforced on campus by the Eugene Police Department and the UO Office of Public Safety – you can be cited for:

Blocking Violations	
Ramps, Walkways	\$10.00
Prohibited Parking	\$10.00
Failure to Yield to Pedestrian	\$15.00
Failure to Register	\$10.00
Unauthorized Storage	\$5.00
Impound Fee	\$5.00

It is easier, safer, and cheaper just to obey the laws, rules, and regulations when riding and parking your bicycle.

