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# Bicycle Rules & Regulations



# **PROTECT YOUR BIKE**

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## Rules and Regulations for Bicycle use on Kenyon College Campus:

- ⇒ Always LOCK your bike whenever you leave it. Lock your bike to a bike rack—don't just put the lock through the tires. Most bikes that are reported stolen on campus are the ones left unlocked or locked to themselves. Even if you are just going into a building for a few minutes.
- ⇒ Lock your bike in the bicycle racks provided. Bikes which are not parked in provided racks often constitute a hazard. Lock it securely to the bike rack through a wheel and the frame using a heavy chain or cable and bike lock.



- ⇒ DO NOT bring your bike into ANY of the academic buildings, entries, passages, vestibules, halls or stairwells. Bicycles can be stored in your dormitory room; however, hallways, stairwells and lounges are not to be used for the housing of bicycles.
- ⇒ **REGISTER YOUR BICYCLE!** You are required to register your bike immediately upon your arrival on campus. To apply for registration stop by the Campus Safety Office and acquire the Bicycle Registration Form. Please note you will need to know your serial number for registration. Serial numbers are located on the underside of your bicycle between the pedals. There is no charge for registering your bicycle.

#### IF A DRIVER HARRASSESS YOU:

 $\Rightarrow$  If you are riding lawfully and a motorist throws an item at you, hits you, or veers at you:

Get a license number of the vehicle in question A description of the vehicle A description of the occupant

 $\Rightarrow$  An assault is a serious offense.

Rules for the Operation of Bicycles on Campus; Coincide with the regulations of the State of Ohio.

 $\Rightarrow$  Cyclists must STOP at Stop Signs and Traffic Lights. **STOP** 



- $\Rightarrow$  Cyclists (Adult) **CANNOT** ride on sidewalks.
- $\Rightarrow$  Cyclists should ride as close as possible to the RIGHT side of the roadway except:
  - \*\* You can ride far enough to the left to avoid a hazard (like a drain gate, a parked vehicle door, right turning vehicles or debris)
  - \*\* You can ride in the middle of the lane if you are going to speed of traffic **OR** if the lane is too narrow to safely share.
  - \*\* You can move left to make a left-hand turn.
- ⇒ The rules for turns are *exactly the same* of bicycles as for other vehicles merge to the appropriate position (right for right turns, left for left turns), vield to any traffic that has the right of way and then turn. A cyclist also has the option to make turns as a pedestrian by dismounting and walking the bicycle through the intersection.
- ⇒ Never turn of change lanes without first *yielding to any traffic that has the right of way,* and give a signal if possible. However, skip the signal if your hand is needed for control or brakes.

#### $\Rightarrow$ Hand and arm signals.

- \*\* Left turn: hand and arm extended horizontally;
- \*\* Right turn: hand and arm extended upward;
- \*\* Stop or decrease speed: hand and arm extended downward.

As an alternative for a Right Turn, a person operating a bicycle may give a right turn signal by extending the right hand and arm horizontally and to the right side of the bicycle.

 $\Rightarrow$  **An unseen cyclist is in great danger.** According to the Ohio Dept. of Public Safety data for 2007, about 62 percent of fatal bicycle crashes in Ohio occur during non-daylight hours. The reflectors that come with new bikes are often inadequate for nighttime visibility. It is strongly suggested both a headlight and taillight be used when you ride in the dark.

#### IF YOUR BICYCLE IS MISSING OR STOLEN:

 $\Rightarrow$  Come to the Campus Safety Office immediately and complete a Bicycle Theft Report. And be on a lookout for you bicycle. If you locate it, contact the Safety Office.

Attach your Bicycle Registration Decal to the center post of this bicycle

(See illustration below)



### **ATTENTION:**

At the end of every academic year there is an increase in bicycle thefts on the Kenyon College campus. The Office of Campus Safety, in an effort to decrease the amount of bicycles stolen from the campus, goes about the campus collecting ALL bicycles; removing bike locks where necessary.

ALL BICYCLES LEFT ON CAMPUS THE MONDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMENCEMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED ABANDONED AND WILL BE DONATED, SOLD OR DISCARDED.