

FOLLOW TRAFFIC LAWS

On public streets and campus paths, bicycles are vehicles and must comply with traffic laws. Cyclists and pedestrians share common University paths. To prevent injuries, common sense and courtesy are key. Bicycles must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

FIRE SAFETY

In line with the City of Philadelphia code, e-scooters, bicycles, and other micromobility devices are not permitted inside of Penn Buildings due to fire safety and emergency egress concerns.

Scooter Safety

- Wear a helmet
- Yield to pedestrians
- Stay off of sidewalks
- Ride in bike lanes
- One rider per scooter
- Obey traffic laws



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WALK

All Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards



On all city sidewalks, and on all on-campus walks and bridges, including Locust Walk, Hamilton Walk, Women's Walk, and Smith Walk, as well as over the Locust Walk, Walnut Street, Paley and Weave footbridges.

Exercise common sense and courtesy when riding near pedestrians.

SHARE THE ROAD



Motor Vehicles

Drivers are reminded to turn on vehicle headlights at dusk and be vigilant in looking out for cyclists and pedestrians. Additionally, drivers should:

- Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks.
- Slow down and obey the posted speed limit.
- Yield to pedestrians and cyclists when turning.
- Look before opening your door.
- Be careful when passing stopped vehicles.
- Allow three feet when passing bicyclists.



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Bicycles & other Micromobility Devices

When travelling on city streets, cyclists must follow the same rules of the road as motorized vehicles. This means stopping at stop signs; obeying traffic signals and lane markings; and using hand signals to let others know your intention to stop or turn.

Be aware of your surroundings:

- Don't wear headphones; you need to be able to hear if a car is approaching.
- Slow down and check for oncoming traffic before entering any street or intersection.
- Do your best to anticipate hazards and adjust your position in traffic accordingly.
- Be predictable: ride with the flow of traffic, on the right, and in a straight line – not in and out of parked cars on the side of the street.

Pedestrians

- Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible. This is where drivers expect pedestrians.
- Look for cars in all directions – including those turning left or right.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows you enough time to cross safely, and continue to watch for traffic as you cross.
- Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach you to make sure you are seen.
- Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and judgment too.

