

WEAR & FIT YOUR HELMET

STEP 1  **HELMET SIZE:** Use a measuring tape and wrap around the person's forehead to determine the appropriate size helmet.

STEP 2  **HELMET POSITION:** Your helmet should sit level and low on your forehead—about the width of two fingers above your eyebrows.

STEP 3  **SIDE AND CHIN STRAPS:** Center the buckle under your chin. Tighten the chin strap as necessary to achieve a comfortable, secure fit. Double the side straps so they form a V-shape on each side, below the chin.

STEP 4  **FINAL FITTING:** When adjusted, do the Eyes, Ears and Mouth test to check for a good fit:

- Eyes: You should see the very edge of your helmet when you look up past your eyebrows.
- Ears: The straps should meet right under your earlobes to form a "V".
- Mouth: The strap should be loose enough so you can breathe and insert a finger between the buckle and your skin, but not so tight that you cannot open your mouth.

Source: California Office of Traffic Safety

BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Obey all traffic laws & lights

- Remember your bike on the road is just like a "vehicle".
- Make complete stops at red lights and stop signs, and proceed only when it is safe.

Watch for cars

- Always make eye contact with drivers.
- Never assume a driver sees you until you are sure that they do.

Don't ride against traffic

- To be most visible, ride with the flow of traffic.

Ride in the middle of the lane:

- When you're travelling at the same speed as motor vehicles.
- When the lane is too narrow for a car to safely pass you.

Watch for car doors

- Be careful not to swerve into traffic while avoiding an open door.

Choose the best way to turn left

1. Ride through the intersection on the right side
2. Stop near the curb and turn the bike to head in the right direction.
3. Proceed with caution, obeying traffic controls, and merge back into traffic when it's safe.

Stay Alert

- Cross railroad tracks at a right angle so your tire won't get stuck.
- Keep a lookout for obstacles in your path.

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KEEP YOUR BIKE

Stay out of the blind spot

- Ride a little bit ahead of the vehicle so the person driving can see you, or
- Stay far enough back so if the vehicle turns right or stops, you'll be able to stop safely.

Use hand signals & Look again

- To let motorists or other bicyclists know what action or direction you intend to take.

Riding on sidewalks and multi-use paths

- Cyclists must yield to all pedestrians on sidewalks and those marked or unmarked crosswalks.
- Give a warning with a bell or your voice before overtaking pedestrians from behind.

Use caution when passing

- Pass slowed or stopped traffic on the right only when it's safe to do so.
- Be careful on overtaking cars.

Don't weave between parked cars

- Ride in a straight line along the side of parked cars.
- Cars may not see you when you move back into traffic.

Get the green light

- Most but not all of Santa Clara's traffic signals with sensors are marked for bikes.
- Stop on top of the small, white bicycle decals in the pavement at street intersections, indicating electronic detectors.

Stay visible

- Wear bright or reflective clothing.
- Use lights when biking at night or in low-light conditions.

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Lock your bike

- Remember to lock your bike to a designated bike rack with a good lock.
- Secure the wheels and seat with cable lock or security fasteners.
- Do not park your bike against a tree, or where it will block access for pedestrians.

Care for your bike

Every week:

- Check handle bars and saddle (seat) are tightly secured.
- Check tire air pressure and wheel quick releases.
- Test the batteries on your bike lights and test the brakes.

Every month:

- Wipe your chain and lubricate with chain oil.
- Wipe the dirt from your rims.
- Check the tread on your tires and replace tires if needed.
- Check that brake pads are not touching tires and replace pads if they are worn out.
- Test the gears if they are shifting smoothly. Check for damaged or frayed gear and brake cables.

Every year:

- Take your bike to a bike mechanic for a thorough tune-up!

Register your bike

- Record your serial number - All new bicycles must have serial numbers stamped in their frames. City recommends registering your bike online: <https://project529.com/garage/>
- Keep this number in a safe place (ideally, with a photograph of your bicycle) should you need to report the bicycle stolen to the police.

This free map is part of Santa Clara's effort to be a city where bicycling is integrated into daily life, providing an alternative and convenient transportation mode. The digital bicycle map is a work in progress. The City assumes responsibility for any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in the information on this map. Map users assume all risks as to the quality and accuracy of the map. Individuals should determine their own skill levels and physical abilities before riding a bike. Happy riding!

Learn more about Santa Clara at www.santaclaraca.gov To see this map online, visit www.santaclaraca.gov/maps

 

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BIKE RESOURCES

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<http://bicycling.511.org/>
<http://www.bayareabikes.org>

BIKE MAPS

<http://bicycling.511.org/routes.htm>

BIKE ORGANIZATIONS

<http://bicycling.511.org/organizations.htm>
 Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition: <https://bikesiliconvalley.org/>

BIKES ON TRANSIT

ACE Train 408-411-7245
 Caltrain 800-660-4287
 Capitol Corridor 877-974-3322
 VTA Busses and Light Rail 408-321-2300

ROAD CONDITIONS AND COMPLAINTS

Area/Responsible Agency	Phone Number
Campbell	408-966-2145
Cupertino	408-777-3269
Expressways (Santa Clara County)	408-686-0605
Milpitas	408-586-2600
Mountain View	650-903-6311
Palo Alto	650-329-2136
San Jose	408-535-3850
Saratoga	408-868-1245
State Highways (Caltrans)	510-286-5598
Sunnyvale	408-730-7407
Unincorporated Rural Areas (County of Santa Clara): North County	408-366-3100
South County	408-683-1240

Report road hazards in the City of Santa Clara to the Street Department at (408) 615-3080, or send a service ticket via MySantaClara App (download on Android or Apple store).

Report traffic signals or roadway problems in the City of Santa Clara via:
 Email: engineering@santaclaraca.gov
 Phone: 408-615-3000; 8am-12pm & 1-5pm
 Monday through Friday (except holidays)
 Offices: Santa Clara City Hall
 1500 Warburton Avenue

BIKE RESOURCES

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Plan your walking or biking route before you head out. Tips for Safe Walking and Biking:

- Use marked crosswalks and look left, right and left again before crossing a street.
- Everyone under 18 years old must wear a helmet when riding a bike.
- Be patient and courteous.

The City of Santa Clara has a Safe Routes to School program. For more information, visit Santaclaraca.gov/SafeRoutesToSchool

The Safe Routes to School program feature bike rodeos, school assemblies and other fun ways to get students riding safely and comfortably to schools.

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BRING YOUR BIKES TO TRANSIT

VTA has developed a video (including a video in Spanish) explaining how to bring a bike on VTA buses and light rail! Bringing a bike on VTA allows commuters to travel farther distances in Santa Clara

PLAN YOUR TRIP

BICYCLE DETOUR ON LEVI'S STADIUM EVENT DAYS

The San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail will be temporarily closed between Agnew Road and Tasman Drive during certain event days at Levi's Stadium. To receive notifications, you can sign up by scanning the QR code. Make sure you click on "Levi's Stadium" under the "News" section.

Bicyclists will be rerouted via Agnew Road, Lakeshore Drive, Gianera Street, the VTA Great America Train Station Parking lot, Stars and Stripes Drive, Great America Parkway, and then back to the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail.



Bicycle detour map on Stadium Event Days (subject to change)

LEFT HAND SIDE BIKE LANES

Why are the bike lanes GREEN?

INCREASES VISIBILITY OF BIKE LANE FOR MOTORISTS
INCREASES SAFETY FOR BICYCLISTS
INCREASES AWARENESS FOR EVERYONE

How do I use them?

SAFETY AT CROSSWALKS AND INTERSECTIONS:
 Ride in the direction of traffic: Drivers and cyclists can avoid the need to make a right turn.
 At traffic signals, position bike over detector plates to get a green light.
 Keep enough distance from parked cars so opening doors can't reach your bike immediately.
Ways out for motorized motorists:

Hand Signals

How can I ride safely?
 Ride with the flow of traffic:
 Obey traffic signals and stop signs.
 Use hand signals to communicate.
 Wear bright colors / reflective gear.
 Use a white front light and a reflective light at night.
 Wear a helmet!
 Be aware and ride responsibly!



Why are the bike lanes on the LEFT?

REDUCES CONFLICTS WITH MOTORISTS TURNING RIGHT
INCREASES VISIBILITY OF BICYCLISTS FROM DRIVER SIDE



What is a BIKE BOX?

DESIGNATED BIKE WAITING AREA AT INTERSECTIONS
HELPS BICYCLISTS MAKE RIGHT TURN STARTING FROM THE LEFT SIDE BIKE LANE
ELIMINATES CONFLICTS WITH CAR DRIVERS WITH CARS EXITING/ENTERING ON-STREET PARKING AND DRIVEWAYS

GIVES BICYCLISTS A HEAD START

