

## The City of West Hollywood Ordinance Number 09-823

prohibits the riding of bicycles on sidewalks  
where there are established bike lanes.

In all other locations, bicycles are permitted on  
sidewalks as long as they are operated in a manner  
that does not disregard the safety of pedestrians.

If you decide to ride on the sidewalk, remember to  
**be courteous and sidewalk friendly.**

*Thanks for reading and ride safely.*

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## Safe Biking in West Hollywood

**Know the Law.**

**Proper Bike Lane  
and Sidewalk Use.**



## When riding on the sidewalk these rules must be followed for your safety and the safety of others:

### 1. GO SLOWLY

This is chief of all rules for riding on the sidewalk. All the other rules fall under this one. The sidewalk is built for pedestrians, so you should not be going faster than them. Pedaling fast down the sidewalk is a perfect way to get hurt, hurt someone else or get pulled over by an enforcement officer.

### 2. Yield to pedestrians

Your bike is as threatening to a pedestrian as a car is threatening to you. If you come up behind people walking, be very polite and wait for a good time to ask them to let you pass. Never come up behind them yelling, ringing a bell or anything else that could startle or scare them. *Be courteous.*

### 3. Check every cross street and driveway

This is the dangerous part! Drivers are used to pulling all the way up to the road before coming to a full stop and turning onto a street. Make sure when coming up to a driveway or cross street that you slow down and check to make sure a car isn't coming. They aren't looking for fast moving vehicles to be coming off the sidewalk, so *you have to be watching for them!*

### 4. Only cross the street at crosswalks

A good way to get hit by a car is to come darting off the sidewalk into the street randomly. Again, remember that drivers aren't looking for people to jump off the sidewalks into traffic randomly. *If you need to cross the street, wait until you get to a cross walk and do it there.*

### 5. Be willing to walk your bike

If you regularly ride on the sidewalk, there are going to be lots of times where the best decision is to get off your bike and walk for a bit. This is usually due to congestion. *When there are just too many people around* that you risk hitting one of them, it's time to walk. Constantly keep it in your mind that you can get off your bike and walk if things seem "iffy."

- ✓ Ride in the same direction as traffic is moving. Nearly 1/4 of all accidents involve bicyclists riding the wrong way.
- ✓ Wear clothing that makes you more visible both day and night.
- ✓ Make sure your bike is equipped with the proper reflectors and lights.
- ✓ We encourage helmet use for ALL bicyclists.

**Also, please remember:** When on the street, bicyclists need to OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS including stopping at lights and stop signs.