



BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Sugarcreek Township offers the perfect atmosphere for a leisurely bike ride through scenic roadways of rolling farmland dominated by the valleys of the Little Miami River and its various tributaries including the township's namesake waterways, the Sugar Creek and the Little Sugarcreek.

Although bicycling is fun and a great source of exercise it is important that you share the roadway both legally and safely with our motoring public.

Bicyclist Safety Tips for Riding in Traffic:

- Ohio Revised Code, Section 4511.55, states that bicyclists on a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast in a single lane, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for that purpose.
- Every person operating a bicycle on a roadway shall ride as near the right side of the roadway as practicable, obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles including stop signs and red lights.
- Ohio Traffic Rules and Regulations state bicyclists must always ride with traffic, never against it. Keep right when possible. However, you also have the right to ride all the way to the left on a one-way street.
- The operator of a bicycle must yield the right of way to any pedestrian on a sidewalk.
- Bicyclists must not attach their bike to another vehicle being operated on roadway.
- Ride predictably. Use hand signals, ride in a straight line and do not weave in and out between parked cars. Riding predictably reduces your chances of a crash with a motor vehicle.
- Bicyclists must always have at least one hand on handlebars. Must ride on a permanent seat. Must have feet on pedals. Cannot wear more than one earphone attached to a radio, tape player or other audio device while riding.
- Establish eye contact with drivers. Seeing a driver is often not enough. Make sure drivers see you before executing a turn or riding in front of a turning car.
- Look for drivers in parked cars. Being aware of drivers in parked cars can prepare you for the possibility of a car door being opened in your path.
- Be visible. Wear brightly colored clothing for daytime riding. At night, use reflective materials and lights.
- Ohio Revised Code, Section 4511.19 states that bicyclist can be arrested for operating their bike while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.