

# Bicycle – Pedestrian – Motorist Safety Tips

## Florida's #1...and we're NOT Proud!

Florida leads the nation in bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and injuries.

Palm Tran wants you to help change this. Follow these tips to bicycle and walk safely. Avoid becoming a statistic.

### Bicyclists

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bicyclists riding on the road must obey the same rules as motor vehicle drivers.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bicyclists riding on the roadway must always ride with the flow of traffic.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bicyclists under the age of 16 must wear an approved helmet when riding.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Between sunset &amp; sunrise you must have a white light in front and a red reflector or red light in the rear.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A bicyclist may ride on the sidewalk unless forbidden by local laws, and always give the right of way to pedestrians.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When passing a pedestrian, give a signal in advance by ringing your bell or calling out "passing on your left".</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A bicyclist is not allowed to wear headphones, a headset, or any other listening device (aside other than a hearing aide) while riding.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be courteous..."Share the Road".</li></ul>

### Pedestrians

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stop! Look and listen in all directions before stepping into the road, even at signalized crosswalks.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be predictable and cross directly from curb to curb, staying within the marked area or a straight pathway.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whenever you cross an intersection, BE ALERT! Motorists and bicyclists will not always see you.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At night BE VISIBLE! Wear bright colors or reflective clothing and carry a flashlight.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walk facing traffic at the edge of the road if there is no sidewalk present, and stay alert to all vehicles.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don't obstruct the flow of traffic by standing or playing in the roadway. Be courteous..."Share the Road".</li></ul>

### Motorists

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Always yield to pedestrians and bicyclists at crosswalks (marked or unmarked) especially when turning right on red.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When you pass a cyclist, reduce your speed and give at least 3 feet of space between your vehicle and the bicycle.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children can be unpredictable. Slow down in school zones, near parks and in residential areas.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When turning at an intersection, with or without a signal, look for pedestrians crossing from all directions.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stop BEHIND the stop bar at all intersections. Do not stop in the crosswalk.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don't blast your horn when approaching bicyclists. This may startle them and cause them to swerve or crash in front of you.</li></ul>