

# Share the Road

Foothills County has been the scene of many serious collisions between cyclists and motorists. Conflicts between cyclists and motorists in Foothills County have also been increasing.

Our goal is to educate both cyclists and motorists about road safety and proper procedures when sharing the road, to decrease future conflicts.

When cyclists and motorists do not follow the rules of the road or demonstrate patience with each other, dangerous situations can and will occur.

**Please ride and drive cautiously, responsibly and safely.**



# SHARE THE ROAD

## Safety Starts with You

### Avoid Collisions



## SHARE THE ROAD

For more information on legislation and cyclist safety please visit:

[www.transportation.alberta.ca](http://www.transportation.alberta.ca)

and/or

[saferoads.com](http://saferoads.com)



[www.foothillscountyab.ca](http://www.foothillscountyab.ca)  
For additional information contact  
Foothills Patrol - Traffic Enforcement  
403-603-6300

# SHARE THE ROAD

Foothills Patrol Division



## Enjoy the Ride, Stay Safe

Cyclists **MUST** have the following cycling equipment, according to provincial regulations:

- When cycling after dark you must have:
  - one headlamp (minimum to a maximum of two)
  - one red tail lamp
  - one red reflector (minimum) mounted on the rear of the bicycle
- Bicycle must have brakes that will lock on dry, level, and clean pavement.
- Bicycle must be equipped with a bell or horn for sound warning when passing a pedestrian on a shared-path.

It is recommended that Cyclists are equipped with:

- Brightly colored or reflective clothing that will provide visibility and are appropriate for the weather.
- Gloves to protect your hands from dirt, debris, and potential falling.
- Small backpack, saddlebags, a basket, or a rack for extra storage of water bottles and other necessities.



## Legislation

Cyclists or passengers on a bicycle who are under 18 years of age, are required by law to wear an approved bicycle safety helmet.

Adults are encouraged to wear helmets to protect themselves, and to set an example for impressionable children.

As a cyclist, you must follow the rules of the road. When you walk while pushing your bike, you are considered a pedestrian. A cyclist must always:

- Ride as close as possible to the right curb.
- Follow the rules of the road when at intersections.
- Always ride single file, when passing a cyclist you must change lanes like you would for other vehicles.
- Only carry the number of people the bicycle is designed to carry.
- Ensure bicycle has the proper safety equipment according to municipal and provincial regulations.

## Be confident, controlled & calm

The following are examples of possible offences you may be charged with as a cyclist, according to the Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation (AR 304/2002) (Traffic Safety Act)

| Offence                                                                     | Section   | Amount |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| No headlamp on cycle                                                        | 10        | \$78   |
| Fail to drive cycle as near to the right on roadway                         | 77(2)     | \$78   |
| Fail to operate cycle in single file                                        | 78        | \$78   |
| Person <18 years not properly wearing safety helmet                         | 111(1)    | \$93   |
| Ride bicycle w/ fewer than one headlamp or more than 2 headlamps-night time | 113(1)(a) | \$155  |
| Ride bicycle with out brake                                                 | 113(2)    | \$78   |
| Distracted driving                                                          | 115.4(1)  | \$287  |

For the full list of fines please see, Use of Highway and Rules of Road Regulation.

### TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

**BE AWARE** of cyclists. Collisions between cyclists and motor vehicles often have tragic consequences.

**BE KIND** in passing. Remain patient when dealing with cyclist and allow plenty of time and space when passing.

**BE SAFE** while driving. Stay alert while turning at intersections and slow down around limited visibility.