

# RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMERCIAL BICYCLE OPERATORS

## OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS

- Bicyclists are subject to all applicable New York state and local laws, rules and regulations, including NYC Traffic Rules.

## WEAR A HELMET

- While working, commercial Bicyclists must wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet.

## NEVER RIDE AGAINST TRAFFIC

- Bicyclists cannot ride against the flow of traffic. Ride with traffic to avoid accidents.
- If available, Bicyclists must use bicycle lanes.

## STAY OFF SIDEWALKS AND LIMITED ACCESS ROADWAYS

- Bicycles are not permitted on sidewalks unless bicycle wheels are less than 26 inches in diameter and the rider is 12 years or younger, or if signs allow.
- They are also prohibited on expressways, drives, highways, interstate routes, bridges and thruways unless authorized by signs.

## BE SAFE

- Yield to Pedestrians.
- Bicyclists must have at least one hand on the steering device or handlebars at all times.
- Bicyclists cannot wear more than one earphone attached to radio, tape player or other audio device while riding.
- No attaching of a bicycle to another vehicle being operated on the roadway.
- Any Bicyclist involved in an accident resulting in a death or injury to a person or damage to property must stop and give their name, address, insurance information, etc., and must report the accident to the Police Department.

## BE VISIBLE

- It is advisable to ensure visibility at night by wearing light-toned clothing with reflective tape material.
- From dusk to dawn, bicyclists must use a white headlight and red taillight.

## BE PREPARED

- A bicycle operator must wear upper body apparel with the business' name and the operator's identification number.
- They must also carry and produce, on demand, a numbered business ID card with the operator's photo, name, home address and business' name, address and phone number. It is recommended that the operator also carry a second form of photo identification.

# RESPONSIBILITIES OF BUSINESS OWNERS WHO EMPLOY BICYCLE OPERATORS

Businesses must provide their bicycle operators with the following:

- A bicycle helmet in good condition which properly fits the operator;
- Upper body apparel with the business' name and operator's identification number;
- Numbered ID card with the operator's photo, name, home address and the business' name, address and phone number;
- A white headlight and red taillight;
- A bell or other audible signal (not whistle);
- Working brakes;
- Reflective tires and/or other reflective devices on new bicycles.
- Businesses must keep a log book which must be available for inspection during regular and usual business hours.

Some of the responsibilities listed above are imposed by law and failure to comply with them may subject violators to legal sanctions.