

Commercial Bicyclist Safety



Commercial Bicyclists Must:



Obey Traffic Signs And Signals

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



Stay Off Sidewalks And Limited Access Roadways



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.



Be Prepared

- Bicycle operators must wear upper body apparel with the business' name and the operator's identification number.
- Bicycle operators must 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 ID.



Be Safe

- Yield to pedestrians.
- Keep at least one hand on the steering device or handlebars at all times.
- Do not wear more than one earphone attached to radio, tape player or other audio device while riding.
- Do not attach bicycle to another vehicle being operated on the roadway.
- Any bicyclist involved in an accident resulting in property damage, injury or death must stop and give their name, address, insurance information, etc., and report the accident to the Police Department.



Wear A Helmet

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



Be Visible

- From dusk to dawn, bicyclists must use a white headlight and red taillight.
- Stay visible at night with light-colored clothing and reflective materials.

Business Owners Who Employ Commercial Bicyclists Must:

Provide their bicycle operators with the following:

- A bicycle helmet in good condition, which fits properly.
- Upper body apparel with the business' name and operator's identification number.
- Numbered business 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 maintain 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.



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