

Helmet Laws

ORS #814.485

Requires protective head gear if you are...

- A **operator or rider** on a bicycle
- Are under **16** years of age
- Are riding on a highway or premises open to the public
- This offense is a traffic violation punishable by a fine in Warrenton of **\$40**

ORS #814.486

If you are the parent or legal guardian and **knowingly allow** a operator or passenger under 16 years of age to ride without protective headgear than you can be cited and fined **\$40**.

ORS #814.488

If a violator is **11** years old or younger the **citation will be issued to a parent or guardian**. Between 12 years and 15 years old the citation will be issued to the violator.

ORS #814.600

Requires protective headgear if you are:

- Operate a **skateboard, scooter, or roller blades** on highway or premises open to public
- Are under 16 years of age

Other Important Facts

- Talk with children about bike helmets and bike safety. *Bumps and bruises heal but a head injury can be forever.*
- Kids learn by example, so set a good one by always wearing a helmet every time you go bicycling. A bike helmet is the single most effective safety device for reducing head injury and death from biking mishaps.
- Short rides close to home can be the most dangerous: More than **60%** of childhood bicycle-related fatalities occur on small neighborhood roads. The typical bike crash occurs within a **single mile** of home.

Why Register Your Bike?

- It gives you a convenient way to record all of the important information about your bike.
- It helps the police identify your bike if it is lost or stolen then return it safely to you.
- **It's FREE!**

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Bicycle, Skateboard, Roller-Blade, Scooter Safety Flyer



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Warrenton Bicycle Operating Rules

According to Warrenton City Ordinance #842-A:

- No person shall LEAVE a bicycle, except in a bicycle rack. If no rack is provided, the person shall leave the bicycle so as to not obstruct any roadway, sidewalk, driveway or building entrance. A person shall not leave a bicycle in violation of the provisions relating to the parking of a motor vehicle.
- NOT ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk between SW First and SW Second Streets.
- Any bicycle left on public property for more than 24 hours may be IMPOUNDED by the police.
- A bicycle may be impounded for any citation issued for violation of this ordinance.
- A \$5.00 impound fee shall be charged for any impounded bicycle.
- Any impounded bicycle unclaimed for 60 days will be disposed of according to procedure.

Helmets

- Fact: A helmet reduces the risk of serious head and brain injury by 85-88%.
- Oregon State Law #814.485 & 814.600 requires everyone under 16 yrs old to wear protective headgear.
- Violators could be fined \$25 or more for a violation..

Bicycle Equipment

Per ORS 815.280 if you ride at night your bicycle is required to be equipped with **white light** on the front of the bike visible up to 500 feet and a **red light** or reflector on the back visible up to 600 feet. All bikes ridden on the roadway are required to have an operable brake as well.

10 Tips for Safe Bike Riding

1. Check your brakes, tire pressure & chain before you start.
2. Properly put your helmet on - never ride without one.
3. Be visible. Wear light and bright colors during the day. At night, use a headlight and taillight and wear white or reflective clothing.
4. Always give cars and pedestrians the right of way.
5. Do not weave in and out of parked cars.
6. Always stop and check traffic before riding into the street.
7. Obey all traffic signs and signals.
8. Always use hand signals.
9. Ride on the right side of the street.
10. Always be alert and pay attention watch for traffic and obstacles.

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