

# What to know about Bicycle Riding in Waltham

## Bicycle Riding Do's:

- All riders 16 and under must wear a helmet
- You may ride your bike on any street except where signs specifically prohibit bikes
- You may ride on sidewalks outside business districts
- You must obey all MA and Waltham traffic laws & regulations
- You must use hand signals when stopping or turning
- You must give pedestrians the right of way and audible signals before passing
- You may ride two side by side, but must move to single file when traffic needs to pass
- You must keep one hand on your handlebars at all times

## Bicycle Riding Don'ts:

- You may not carry a passenger anywhere on your bike except on a regular seat permanently attached to the bike or on a trailer towed by the bike
- You may not carry any child between 1-4, or weighing 40 pounds or less, anywhere on a single-passenger bike except in a baby seat attached to the bike. The child must be able to sit upright in the seat and must be held in the seat by a harness or seat belt. The child's hands and feet must be out of reach of the wheel spokes.
- You may not carry any child under the age of 1 on your bike even in a baby seat, but the child may sit in a trailer
- You may not use a siren or whistle on your bike to warn pedestrians
- You may not park your bike on a street, road, bikeway, or sidewalk where it will be in other people's way
- You may not carry anything on your bike unless it is in a basket, rack, bag, or trailer designed for the purpose
- You may not modify your bike so that your hands are higher than your shoulders when gripping the handlebars or alter the fork of your bike to extend it

