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SALT LAKE CITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Bicycle Safety

PLAN AHEAD

- Plan your route; let someone known where you are going.
- Know your limitations
- Be familiar with your route. Be aware of the locations of police and fire stations, and hospitals. If possible, take a cell phone in case of emergency.
- Carry identification with you.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Wear light or reflective clothing, especially at night
- Bicycles must be equipped with a white head light, red tail light or reflector and side reflectors that can be seen from at least 500 feet away.

WHILE YOU ARE OUT

- Stay alert and aware of your surroundings no matter where you are. Don't wear headphones as they prevent you from hearing your surroundings.
- Be aware of the conditions around you; keep your eyes open for changing road conditions such as slick patches or uneven terrain.
- Be ready to break at any time. Don't carry any items that may prevent you from using both of your hands.
- Always trust your instincts.
- Stay in well-lit areas and on heavily traveled streets. Avoid routes that take you through parking lots, alleys, or other dark vacant areas.

KNOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD

- Bicycles are considered a vehicle on the road and must obey all traffic signals and signs. They must also follow all lane markings, i.e. do not go straight through a right turn only lane.
- Do not ride against traffic.
- Do not weave in between cars and do not pass on the right, cars do not expect it and frequently will not be looking for it.
- Be aware of the traffic around you; listen for approaching cars and check over your shoulder from time to time.
- Use appropriate hand signals when turning.
- There are two ways to make a left turn, either like a car or like a pedestrian. Whichever left turn you choose, make sure to follow the rules associated with it (follow posted signs and street signals).
- Bicycles must yield to pedestrians.
- Make eye contact with drivers. If you do not make eye contact, you cannot assume that a driver sees you.
- Stay as far to the right of the road as practical unless passing, turning left, traveling straight when a right turn only lane is present, or if the road is too narrow to do so otherwise.

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The East Side Bike Squad consists of 5 officers and a Sgt. They have been focusing their efforts lately on the hotels/motels on State Street and Liberty Park drum circle. In one week they generated approximately 17 cases. They seized distributable amounts of methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin. They also seized marijuana, drug paraphernalia, ecstasy pills, large sums of cash, three knives and three guns. The ESB squad works variable hours but generally work Saturdays and Sundays 1200-2200, Mondays and Tuesdays 1400-000 or 1500-0100 and will adjust to work the occasional Wednesday. They are off Thursdays and Fridays. They are fully aware of the problems we face on State Street and in our parks on the East side of town. With the weather warming up they should be out on their bikes more and being visible to deter crime in the area. We appreciate all the hard work they put it to make our neighborhoods safe.



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keep your neighborhood safe?**

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or start a Neighborhood Watch.

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