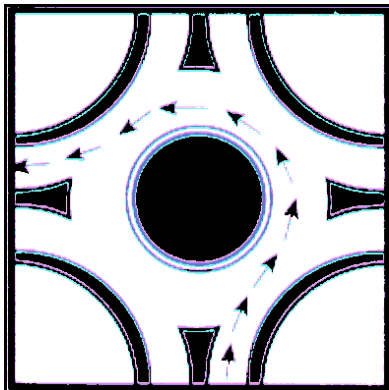




## BICYCLE SAFETY

- **Obey all traffic laws!**
- According to the California Vehicle Code, every person riding a bicycle upon a street or highway has all the rights and responsibilities of the driver of a motor vehicle.
- On the Stanford campus **traffic regulations are strictly enforced.**
- You may be cited for:
  - Running stop signs
  - Not having your bike registered
  - Riding at an unsafe speed for conditions
  - Riding on the wrong side of the road or on sidewalks
  - Wearing headphones while riding, one ear must be uncovered
  - Not having legal brakes, etc.
  - Not having the proper lights on your bike
  - Not yielding to pedestrians
  - Helmet required for riders under 18 years old—but everyone should wear one while riding, even for short trips, when most crashes occur
  - Parking a bike and restricting access for pedestrians and/or the disabled.
  - Riding your bike under the influence
- **Cyclists are required by state law to use front white lights, rear red reflectors, pedal and side reflectors at night.** Additional lights—especially rear red flashers, reflectors, and light colored clothing are a good idea.
- **Buy and wear a helmet.** They can greatly reduce the risk of head injury or death. Don't "hit the road" without one. But remember: even the best helmet has limitations and they don't prevent crashes. Defensive cycling is the key to bike safety.
- One of the more prominent new features of the campus cycling environment is the traffic circle or "roundabout". There are **two important rules** to remember when approaching a traffic circle: **Always ride counterclockwise** through the circle, and **always yield right-of-way** to any bike or vehicle already in the circle. Signaling your turns is especially helpful in circles, and be sure to watch out for others and adjust your speed or turns accordingly. Not everyone will necessarily understand or obey these right-of-way or yield rules, so **ride defensively!**

### TRAFFIC CIRCLE RULES



- **Ride counter-clockwise.**
- **Traffic already in the circle has the right of way.**
- **Don't cut across the center of the circle or go against the traffic flow.**
- **When passing someone in the circle, pass on the left.**