

New and improved trails, sidewalks and bike lanes have increased the number of people riding bikes and walking across Northeast Ohio. In fact the number of people bicycling to work has gone up over 200% in the last 5 years. As we continue to see more people walking and biking it is important to ensure our laws are enforced to prevent crashes. **As a law enforcement officer, you are the only one who can enforce laws (for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians) that can stop crashes before they happen.**



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Remember, bicycles are vehicles under ORC 4511.01G, and pedestrians, bicycles and motor vehicles are all traffic (ORC 4511.01TT).

TRAINING/RESOURCES

Here are some free resource available to help you better enforce laws for bicycle and pedestrian safety:

Pedestrian and Bicycle Law Enforcement Training Workshop

Contact: Jacob VanSickle, Executive Director

Bike Cleveland

Phone: 216-245-3101

Email: Jacob@bikecleveland.org

Website: BikeCleveland.org

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Law Enforcement Roll Call Video
"Enforcing Laws for Bicyclists"&

Enhancing Bicycle Safety:

Law Enforcement's Roll (CD-ROM Training)

Both available at NHTSA.DOT.GOV

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA)

Police Cyclists Course

Website: IPMBA.org

OCBC Traffic Skills 101

Contact: Jim Sheehan, Executive Director

Ohio City Bicycle Co-op

Phone: 216-830-2667

Email: Jim@Ohiocitycycles.org

Website: OhioCityCycles.org

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ENFORCEMENT FOR PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE SAFETY: ARE YOU PREPARED?

What are the leading causes of pedestrian and bicycle crashes in your community?

If you don't know, then how do you know which laws to enforce to keep pedestrians and bicyclists safe?



Where does law enforcement fit into pedestrian and bicycle safety?



The three key components of highway safety are Engineering, Education and Enforcement. Together, they are often referred to as the Highway Safety Triangle, or the "3E's." While all three "E's" are important individually, no one component has the ability to completely solve pedestrian and/or bicycle safety problems. The most effective safety strategies draw on all three E's to come up with a long-lasting solution to a problem. Law enforcement is a key component of the Highway Safety Triangle.

More than 80% of pedestrian and bicycle crashes with motor vehicles involve the following violations.

Motorists

Failure to yield right-of-way to pedestrian/ bicyclist within crosswalk	4511.46 (A)
Passing vehicle stopped for pedestrians	4511.46 (D)
Failure to yield right-of-way to pedestrian on sidewalk	4511.441
Failure to yield right-of-way when turning left	4511.42
Failure to stop and yield right-of-way at stop sign	4511.43 (A)
Failure to obey traffic control signal	4511.13 (C)(1)(a)
Improper right turn	4511.36 (A)(1)
Failure to pass vehicle safely	4511.27 (A)(1)
Failure to stop for stopped School Bus	4511.75
Speed	4511.21 (A)
Failure to exercise due care	4511.48 (E)
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Bicyclists

Riding facing traffic	4511.55 (A)
Failure to stop and yield right-of-way at stop sign	4511.43 (A)
Failure to obey traffic control signal	4511.13 (C)(1)(a)
Improper left turn	4511.36 (A)(2) & (3)
Failure to signal turn	4511.39
Required lights and reflectors (on-road, sidewalks)	4511.56 (A)(1) & (2) & (3)

Pedestrians

Failure to obey pedestrian control signals	4511.14 (B) & (C)
Crossing against red light	4511.13 (C)(3)
Sudden entry into roadway - crosswalk	4511.46 (B)
Failure to yield right-of-way to vehicle - non-intersection or crosswalk	4511.48 (A)
Walking on roadway with traffic	4511.50 (C)

TRAINING IS THE KEY:

Officers don't enforce laws they do not know and they do not enforce laws they cannot defend...

See back for free Pedestrian and Bicycle Law Enforcement Training and other resources.