

See & Be Seen When Bicycling at Night

Nighttime bicycle riding can be fun and enjoyable. Before heading out at night make sure your lights and reflectors are in good condition.

- ☞ A bright white light on the front of your bike helps you see and be seen by others, and is required by law.
- ☞ A red rear reflector, or either a steady or flashing rear red light, is also required.
- ☞ A flashing light is better at getting the driver's attention, while a solid light makes it easier for drivers to judge your speed and distance.
- ☞ Adding reflective leg bands, lights that move or flash, and wearing a reflective vest or other clothing, will help to identify you as a bicyclist to other drivers.
- ☞ Your front light should also allow you to see the road far enough ahead to avoid a hazard. At 15 mph, you should be able to see at least 35-50 feet in front of you, and even farther under more adverse road or weather conditions.
- ☞ You need lights on paths and sidewalks, too, so you can see and be seen by other bicyclists, pedestrians and cross traffic.

Remember, there is no such thing as being too visible or too bright when bicycling at night!



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Be Bright

Use lights and reflectors at night See and Be Seen



A white headlight and either a **red rear reflector** or a steady or flashing **red rear light** are required by law.

Additional lights and reflectors can be used as well.

Add lights and reflectors to outline your body and identify yourself as a person.

Lights and reflectors that move (leg bands, pedal reflectors) catch driver's attention.