A bicycle is a two-wheeled, pedal-driven, self-propelled vehicle. It is typically propelled by two legs that use pedals to drive a system of belts or gear trains or direct drive on the rear wheel and often include a chain connecting the pedals and rear wheel. The main components of a bicycle are: frame, seat, handlebar, pedals, chain, wheels, cranks, gearing, brakes, and lights.

**Bicycle Safety Tips**

- **Wear a helmet.** A helmet is required by law in certain states. Choose a helmet that fits properly and is certified by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).
- **Use hand signals.** Always use hand signals to communicate your intentions to other drivers.
- **Yield to traffic in busier lanes.** When riding in traffic, be prepared to yield to other drivers.
- **Follow the law.** Obey traffic signals, signs, and posted limits.
- **Watch for expansion joints.** Be aware of expansion joints as they can be hazards for cyclists.
- **Protect yourself.** Wear bright clothing to make yourself more visible day and night.
- **Always ride far enough away from parked cars to prevent opening doors.** Never assume a car driver will not open a door without checking.
- **Be aware of your surroundings.** Always be aware of your environment, including traffic, pedestrians, and other cyclists.
- **Learn how to repair a flat, fix a chain, and inspect your brake pads for wear.** Be prepared to make repairs on the go.
- **Keep your bicycle in good working condition.** Inspect your bicycle regularly for any mechanical issues.
- **Know the traffic laws.** Familiarize yourself with the traffic laws that apply to cyclists in your area.

**Bicycle Facilities**

- **Shared use paths.** These are paths specifically designed for non-motorized transportation, such as bicycles and pedestrians.
- **Bike lanes.** Bike lanes are designated areas on a roadway for bicycles, separate from motorized traffic.
- **Bicycle boulevards.** These are streets where motorized vehicles and bicycles share the roadway but are separated by a painted or physical barrier.
- **Shared roadways.** These are roads that allow both motorized vehicles and bicycles to share the same space.
- **Bike parks.** These are facilities specifically designed for bike storage, maintenance, and repair.

**Bicycle Laws**

- **Section 4501.01: Definitions.** This section defines terms related to bicycles and their use.
- **Section 4511.54: Prohibition against attaching bicycles and sleds to vehicles.** This section prohibits attaching bicycles and sleds to vehicles.
- **Section 4511.711: Driving upon sidewalk area.** This section regulates the operation of bicycles in pedestrian areas.

**Bike Trails**

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**BikeShare**

- **Cincinnati Bike Share**
- **www.bikesincincinnati.org**
- **513-721-7300**

**Bike Clubs**

- **Bike Cincinnati**
- **www.bikewalk.ky.gov**
- **http://www.oki.org/transportation/index.html**
- **http://cagismaps.hamilton-co.org/csrcincinnati/