

Bicycling at Night



Reflectors and reflective clothing make you more visible.

VISIBILITY SHOULD BE YOUR FIRST CONCERN WHEN RIDING AT NIGHT.

Because you may not be as visible to others, and may not be able to see all the details as well either, riding a bit slower at night is usually a good idea. Although many bikes are not fully equipped with reflectors and lights, you should know that state law requires you to have reflectors on the back, wheels and pedals of your bike, and a white front light that is visible from at least 200 feet, when riding at night. Many people use the blinking red LED (Light Emitting Diode) lights on the back of their bikes as well.

REFLECTIVE AND LIGHT COLORED CLOTHING are also very useful in making yourself visible to others at night. Wearing dark colors will make you blend into the darkness and make it much harder for motorists and pedestrians to see you.

POSITION ON THE STREET is an essential way in which you can help make yourself visible at night. At night you still want to ride where drivers expect you to ride. See sections on where to ride on the street for more detailed information.