

# Rules of the Road

## Kentucky State Regulations:

When riding on the road your bike is a vehicle and you must obey all traffic laws. A bicyclist has the same rights and duties on the road as drivers of other vehicles:

- You **must** use a front light when riding at night or low visibility conditions.
- You **must** use a red rear reflector or light on yourself or your bicycle whenever riding on a highway or shoulder.
- At night or in low visibility conditions, you **must** use a steady or flashing red rear light.
- You **must** shout or sound a bell/horn when approaching a pedestrian or other bicycle.
- It is illegal to carry more passengers than the bicycle is designed to accommodate.
- You may not carry a package which prevents you from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars.
- It is illegal to attach yourself or your bicycle to another vehicle while riding.
- Bicycles shall be operated the same as a motor vehicle **EXCEPT** for the following:
  - A bicycle **may** be operated on the shoulder of the roadway.
  - If a bicycle lane is provided, it **must** be used whenever feasible.
  - Not more than **two** bicycles may ride side-by-side in a single highway lane.

**Basic Bicycle Safety**



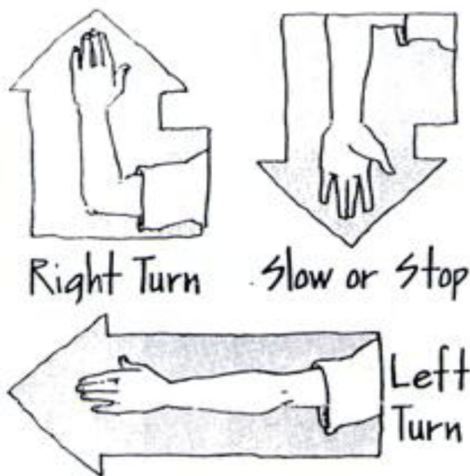
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## HAND SIGNALS

When riding a bike use hand signals to alert other drivers, other riders, and pedestrians when you are **turning left, turning right, or stopping**. Never change directions or lanes without first looking behind you and **always use the correct hand signal**. Use your **left arm** for all hand signals.



- **Left Turn:** After checking behind you, hold your left arm straight out to the left and ride forward slowly.
- **Right Turn:** After checking behind you, bend your left elbow, holding your arm in an “L” shape (90° angle), and ride forwards slowly.
- **Stop:** After checking behind you, bend your left elbow, pointing your arm downward in an upside down “L” shape (90° angle) and come to a complete stop.

## ‘BEREA BIKES’ PROGRAM

**Mission:** To support safe, responsible, and informed biking in and around Berea by providing a space where students and community members alike can learn essential mechanical skills and acquire quality bikes at a reasonable price.

**Build a bike:** Berea Bikes has a program created to assist you in building your own bike from used frames and parts! Talk to someone in the shop for details!

**Sales:** Occasionally, bikes become available for sale. Prices vary according to the type, brand, and condition of the bike, but are generally between \$50-\$100 dollars.

**Repair:** Berea Bikes is intended to help people learn how to fix their own bikes, so repairs are free (minus the cost of new parts, if needed) as long as the person helps and is interested in learning. *Repairs cost \$10 an hour if the bike is dropped off for Berea Bikes to fix.*

### Remember

- Always secure your bicycle to approved bicycle racks when not in use.
- Be considerate of others bikes when securing/removing your bike from campus bike racks.
- Be safe and considerate when riding your bike on the roadway or on campus.

## Public Safety Bike Registration

Bike registration is free to all students, staff, and faculty members at Berea College.

To register your bicycle, bring it to Public Safety or Berea Bikes where it will be photographed, a registration card will need to be completed by the owner, and a set of lights or a bell/horn will be installed on the bicycle (at no cost to owner). A decal with a unique number will be issued to the owner and placed on the bicycle at the time of registration.

## Bicycle Regulations on Campus

Policies concerning bicycle safety and storage are currently being reviewed on campus. Starting in 2009, Public Safety will remove any bicycle on campus that causes an **immediate hazard**. Immediate hazards consist of (but are not limited to) bikes chained to handicap ramps, steps, fire hydrants, gas meters, or found to be blocking entrances/exits.

Public Safety is not responsible for damages done to locking mechanisms or bicycles while removing bicycles. Bicycles will be impounded and can be picked up by appointment only.

**CALL (859) 985-3333**

For more information on bicycles, safety equipment, policies, or registration visit our website at: [www.berea.edu/publicsafety](http://www.berea.edu/publicsafety).