

KEEP YOURSELF IN GEAR

 by learning the bicycler's rules of the road.

You probably spent a lot of time choosing your bicycle, why not take a few minutes and learn how to protect yourself and your bike. Read this brochure to get tips on registering your bike, where to park, and city cycling rules. Check out the websites on the reverse side for more information.

Protect yourself and be visible

- » Avoid head injuries by wearing a helmet.
- » Wear bright and reflective clothing when bicycling at night.
- » Give an audible warning before passing a pedestrian to allow the person time to react.
- » At traffic lights, stand in front of or behind a car not next to its blindspot.

Registration helps deter theft

- » Registered bikes are less apt to be stolen and are easier to recover.
- » Register your bike online at web.mit.edu/cp/www/bike_registration.htm
- » A registration sticker will be mailed through campus mail to you.
- » Registration also qualifies for insurance coverage by some bicycle lock companies.

Secure your bike properly

- » Use a heavy duty U-Lock and lock your bike to a bike rack.
- » Lock the rear tire and bike frame to a stationary object.
- » Keep your bike locked at all times; even in a dorm or garage.
- » When locking your bike outdoors, do not block landscaped areas or impede snow removal.

WHEN RIDING YOUR BIKE, OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS.

On streets

- » At night the law requires a working white headlight in the front and a red taillight or reflectors on the rear of your bike.
- » Conform to traffic laws: traffic lights; stop signs; crosswalks; pedestrian rights of way.
- » Ride in direction of traffic flow.
- » Signal when turning and stopping.
- » Use a bell, whistle, or call to alert pedestrians when approaching from the rear.

On sidewalks

- » Cambridge discourages the riding of bicycles on sidewalks and has provided bicycle lanes on certain streets.
- » In a banned area a bicyclist must either: walk his/her bicycle; ride on the street; or take an alternate route.
- » While riding on the sidewalk, a bicyclist must operate in a manner that does not endanger property or any person.

On campus pathways

- » Share the campus with those walking, in wheel chairs, or driving service vehicles.
- » On Vassar Street, stay in the bicycle lane and ride in the direction of the arrows.
- » Slow down at crosswalks and let pedestrians cross the cycle track.
- » Never ride a bike inside campus buildings.

Bicycle parking

- » Use one of the many bicycle racks available throughout the campus.
- » Bicycles must be parked only at the racks never to a hand rail.

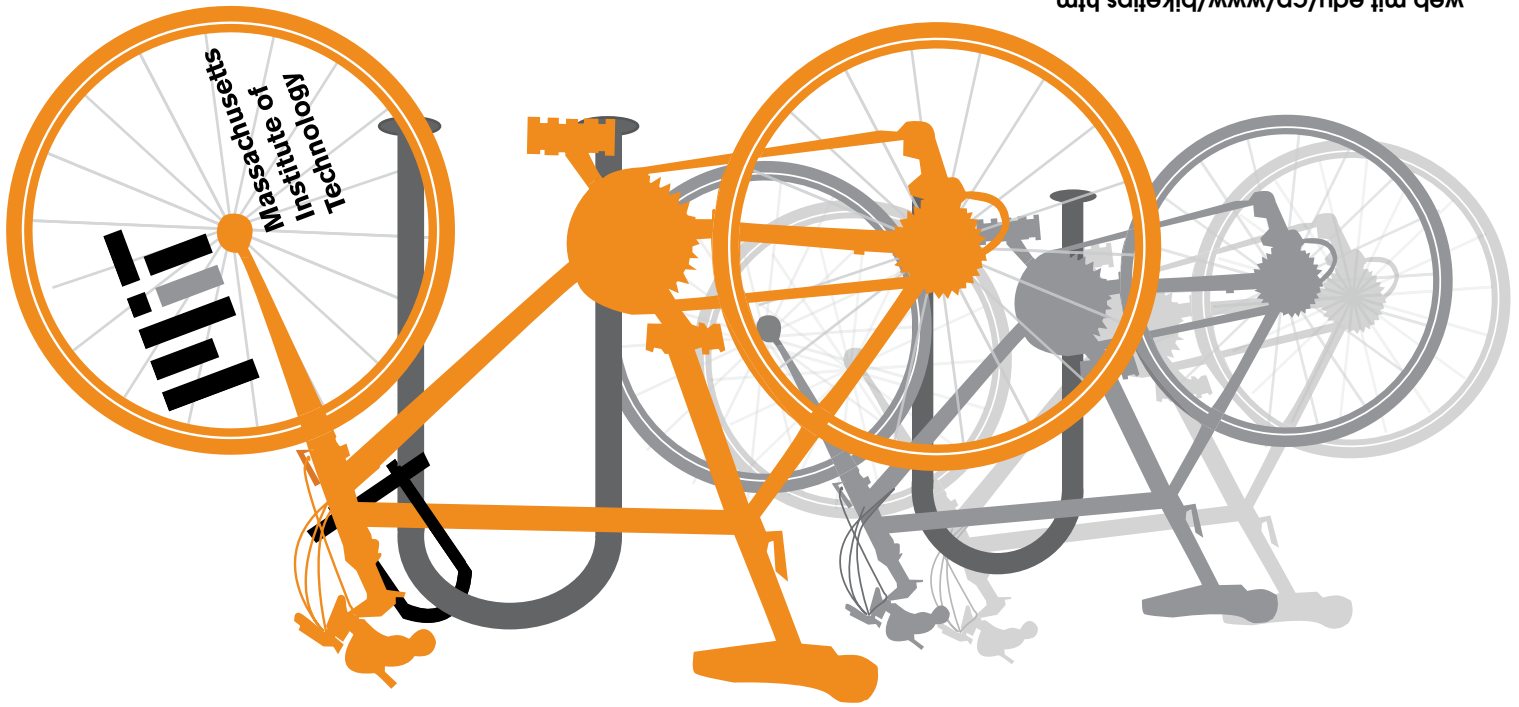
Bikes on the T

- » The MBTA allows bikes on buses that are equipped with bike racks and on all boats at any time.
- » Riders may also bring bikes on most subway lines and commuter rail trains during non-peak hours.

Getting around by bike

A brochure containing more tips on traveling around campus, co-sponsored by the MIT Police and the Department of Facilities, is available online. Download your copy today: http://web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/Getting_Around_by_Bike.pdf





BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

In the time it takes you to read this headline, someone can steal your bike.

Prevent theft and injury by understanding city cycling. Just like driving a car, there are rules to be followed and it's the bicyclist's responsibility to know them. Disregard for them could result in a citation. Lack of knowledge of the rules will not be accepted as grounds for dismissal of citations or enforcement actions.

MIT Police Crime Prevention Unit
(617) 253-9755

Problem solving

If you lose your bike lock key, call Central Bike Services at 617-290-3876.

Report bike rack maintenance issues and abandoned bikes to mitparking@mit.edu.

Call MIT Department of Facilities to have damaged pavement repaired: 617-253-4948.

RESOURCES

MIT Police

Bicycle theft prevention, lost & found, bike registration
web.mit.edu/cp/www/biketips.htm

MIT Department of Facilities

Bicycle tips for alternative commuting at MIT
web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/bicycling.html

MIT Medical

Discount on bike helmets
web.mit.edu/medical/mithealth/hm83/hm83helmets.htm

City of Cambridge

Bicycle Paths in Cambridge
www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/et/bike/bike_map.pdf

Massachusetts Bike Coalition

Massachusetts bike maps, laws and events
www.massbike.org



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