

Safety and Etiquette

- Avoid head injuries by wearing a helmet correctly. The helmet should sit flat on the head and the "V" of the strap should fall just below the ear.
- Conform to traffic laws: traffic lights; stop signs; crosswalks; pedestrian rights of way.
- Signal when turning and stopping.
- At night the law requires a working white headlight in the front and a red taillight or reflectors on the rear of your bike.
- Wear bright and reflective clothing when bicycling at night.



Beware of car doors

- At traffic lights, stand in front of or behind a car.
- Ride in the direction of traffic flow.
- On Vassar Street, stay in the cycle track and ride in the direction of the arrows.
- Share the campus pathways with those walking, in wheel chairs, or driving service vehicles.
- Give an audible warning before passing a pedestrian.
- Slow down at crosswalks and let pedestrians cross the cycle track.

- Never ride a bike inside buildings.
- In a business area, including Harvard Square, Central Square, and Inman Square, a bicyclist must either: walk his/her bicycle on a sidewalk; ride on the street; or take an alternate route.
- Operate your bike in a manner that does not endanger property or any person.
- Lack of knowledge of the laws will not be accepted as grounds for dismissal of citations or enforcement.



The League of American Bicyclists recognized MIT with a Silver Bicycle Friendly University award for successfully promoting a safe, wellmanaged bike culture around campus. With this designation, MIT joins a group of 100 bikefriendly colleges and universities in 37 states and Washington, D.C.

Image: League of American Bicyclists





Signal to others



Make eye contact



Share the road



Obey all rules of the road



Scan the road behind and use a mirror to monitor traffic



Never use earphones!



Never ride against traffic

MIT by bicycle Getting around

Bicycle Security

SECURE YOUR BIKE PROPERLY

- Use a heavy duty U-lock to secure your bike to a bike rack.
- Lock the tire and bike frame to a stationary object.
- Keep your bike locked at all times; even in a dorm or storage area.
- When locking your bike outdoors, do not lock it to small trees, chain link fences, or lock it to itself. These items can easily be cut or carried away without notice.
- Never attach your bike to a staircase rail or wheelchair ramp. Use one of the many bicycle racks available throughout the campus.
- Do not block landscaped areas or impede snow removal.
- Do not abandon your bicycle. If you are leaving MIT, post your bike on the reuse@mit.edu list.

REGISTRATION HELPS DETER THEFT

- Registered bikes are less apt to be stolen and are easier to recover.
- You can register your bike online at web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/ bicycle_reg.html
- A registration sticker will be mailed to you through campus mail.
- Registration also qualifies for insurance coverage by some bicycle lock companies.



Always lock the frame and front wheel to a rack. For extra security remove the front wheel and lock it with the frame and rear wheel.

Types of Bike Paths



Cycle track on Vassar Street



Bike lane on Mass Avenue



Multi-use path along the Charles River

Helpful Resources

MIT bike commuter benefits

web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/ bicycling benefits.html

Bicycle registration at MIT

web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/ bicycle_reg.html

Bicycle theft prevention

web.mit.edu/cp/www/biketips.htm

How to wear a bike helmet

web.mit.edu/medical/mithealth/hm83/ hm83helmets.htm

Bike safety workshops

www.massbike.org/education

Bike commuter email list

https://groups.mit.edu/webmoira/list/ mitbike

Emergencies





Dial from a cell phone, pay phone, or off-campus phone

617-253-1212

MIT Police

Report a stolen bike **617-253-1212**

Parking & Transportation Office (Dept. of Facilities)

Report problems with bike compound, racks, or fix-it station

617-258-6510 (after hours) 617-253-2997 commuting@mit.edu