

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Bike Safety Info graphic

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on a proposed guidance document - an info graphic on bike safety laws and safe biking practices that will be placed on the WisDOT web site so it can be shared with municipalities and citizens. State statutes potentially impacted: Chapter [340.01\(5\)](#); Chapter [346.02](#) and Chapter [346.80](#).

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

Department's website

1. https://trust.dot.state.wi.us/act369/?id=OPA682&uri=file:W/Rob/2020/Guidance/SafeBikin_ginfographic.pdf&division=OPA
2. Mailing written comments to:

Office of Public Affairs
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
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WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsindot.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

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Safe biking practices

- Maintain at least a six-foot distance from others.
- When you can't maintain a safe distance, wear a cloth face covering to help minimize the potential of the virus from spreading.
- Be visible. If you can't see the driver, they can't see you.
- Use extra caution when passing trucks, buses or approaching an intersection alongside a large vehicle.
- Be seen when stopped.
- At red lights, stop slightly ahead of a waiting vehicle. Avoid the driver's blind spot.
- Obey traffic laws, signs and signals.
- Running a red light or stop sign can result in a serious crash with other vehicles or pedestrians.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- If using earphones, wear only one while riding. Check behind you, especially when changing lanes. Watch for opening car doors.
- Ride on the road, bike lane, paved shoulder or path.
- Follow the rules of the road. Ride to the right □ in the direction of traffic. Watch out for others and be alert for hazards that may result in a crash such as rocks, potholes, utility grates and train tracks.
- Enhance visibility with proper lighting.
- Use a white headlight and a red taillight
- Wear a helmet.
- Wearing a helmet will significantly reduce your risk of being killed or seriously injured in a crash.