

BICYCLIST & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Be Seen & Ride Safely

With the end of Daylight Savings Time, more Anteaters will be commuting in low-light conditions, making it even more important to keep yourself visible and protected. When traveling in the dark, wear reflective or brightly colored clothing, equip your bike or scooter with [required front and rear lights](#), wear a helmet to protect yourself, and follow campus device riding rules to reduce potential collisions. This includes observing the [Ring Mall Dismount Zone](#) rules, which prohibit riding in the area from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enforced by UCIPD, this policy keeps our Anteaters safe in shared spaces. First-time citations may be waived by completing an online safety training course, and additional details for addressing a bike citation are available on [our website](#). Do your part to stay safe when commuting on and around campus during these months.

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Light Up the Night: Bike Light Giveaway

In support of our community's safety while traveling at night or in low light conditions, the [Bicycle Education and Enforcement Program \(B.E.E.P.\)](#) will host their annual [Be Visible](#) bike light giveaway beginning Monday, November 4, through Friday, November 22. To participate, simply fill out the [Be Visible Survey](#) and visit the Main Transportation Office to pick up your free bike light!

These lights can be used on both bicycles and scooters. Use a white front light on the handlebars and a red flashing light on your bike's seat mount. While these devices typically come with reflectors, you can also enhance your visibility by adding reflective tape to your helmet, bike or scooter rims, or bike pedals for added visibility.



[Additional Safety Tips >>](#)

Protect Your Investment: Helmet Giveaway

Wearing a helmet while riding a bike or scooter is as vital as using a seatbelt in a car. Research from the [American College of Surgeons](#) shows that helmets reduce head injuries by 48% and traumatic brain injuries by 53%. In addition, 88% of bike-related fatalities involve adults, many of whom are not wearing a helmet. Adults often underestimate the risks of wearing a helmet, believing they are unnecessary or uncool. Just as we continue to wear seatbelts, helmets are an essential safety habit for riders of all ages.

To promote rider safety, we are offering complimentary helmets starting Monday, November 4, through Friday, December 13—just [complete our survey](#) to claim yours. For the best protection, [make sure your helmet fits](#) snugly, with secure straps and minimal movement. Helmets are designed to safeguard you against the unexpected, regardless of age. Stay safe and ride smart!



[Learn How To Find the Right Helmet Fit >](#)

BIKEUCI AMBASSADORS

Do you enjoy biking? Become a [BikeUCI Ambassador](#) and help grow UCI's cycling community! Mentor new riders, promote bike safety, and participate in upcoming BikeUCI events like our [Be Visible bike light giveaway](#), repair stand demos, and intersection safety workshops. Our BikeUCI Ambassadors connect through monthly online meetings, earn points to advance member status from Bronze to Platinum, and receive a free hi-vis reflective shirt while supplies last! [Sign up today](#) and become a part of UCI's cycling movement! For questions, email biking@uci.edu.



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