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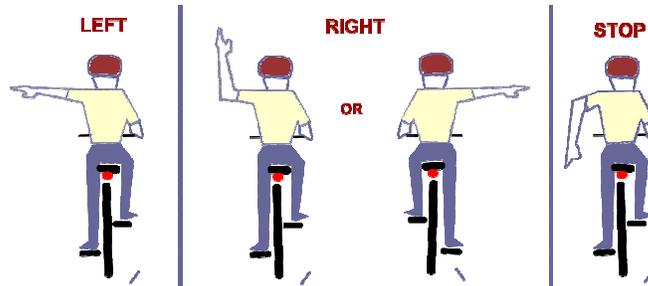
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Safe Bicycling on Holmes Beach



- Bicycle riders and passengers under 16 years of age (including a child in a child seat or carrier) must wear an approved bicycle helmet
- Bicycle riders must obey traffic signs and signals
- All bicyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic
- A bicyclist not traveling as fast as the "normal speed of traffic" must ride as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway
- Bicyclists may ride two abreast only within a single lane and when not impeding traffic
- Bicyclists may not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles
- A bicycle may not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed or equipped (except that an adult rider may carry a child securely attached to his or her person in a backpack or sling)
- At least one hand must be kept on the handlebars while riding
- A bicycle operated at night must be equipped with a white light on the front, and both a red reflector and a red light on the rear
- A bicyclist must not wear a headset, headphone or other listening device while riding. (Wearing a headset blocks out important sounds needed to detect the presence of other traffic.)

Sidewalks are not designed for bicycle speeds, but bicycles are permitted.

- A cyclist riding on a sidewalk or crosswalk has the same rights and duties of a pedestrian.
- A cyclist riding on a sidewalk or crosswalk must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians **and** must give an audible warning before passing.

316.304 Wearing of headsets.—

(1) No person shall operate a vehicle while wearing a headset, headphone, or other listening device, other than a hearing aid or instrument for the improvement of defective human hearing.

(2) (d) **Any person using a headset in conjunction with a cellular telephone that only provides sound through one ear and allows surrounding sounds to be heard with the other ear.**

(4) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

What this means is if you are listening to your radio while on your bicycle you may not have ear buds in both ears.

Thanks for being a good neighbor!

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