BIKE COMMUTING TIPS

- Arrange for secure bike parking. Contact your employer about parking or carry a good lock.
- Choose your route. Study maps and base your route on traffic at the time of day you’ll be riding.
- Drive your route first. Look at the shoulder construction, street surface, and street conditions of your route.
- Be sure to check the mechanical safety of your bike before riding.

HAND SIGNALS

LEFT
RIGHT
STOP
RIGHT

TIPS TO AVOID TROUBLE

- Watch traffic behind and beside you. Learn to check over your shoulders without swerving. A mirror on your helmet or handlebar can be helpful.
- Watch driveways and cross-streets. Make eye contact with anyone who might cross your path. Don’t assume that others will see you or yield to your right of way.
- Everyone makes mistakes. Do your best to keep plenty of space around you.

RESOURCES

BIKE SHOPS

Ada Bike Shop
1331 E Fulton St
616.458.2200
A 24-minute ride from downtown

Central District Cyclery
52 Monroe Center NW
616.719.1265
Right downtown

F wheelchair Bike Shop
915 Leonard St NW
616.451.8011
A 17-minute ride from downtown

BIKE LOCKER RENTALS

Grand Rapids Parking Services
50 Ottawa Ave NW
616.456.3290
Bike lockers are available for monthly rentals

POLICE

Grand Rapids Police Department
1 Monroe Center NW
If you get hit by a car call 911
If your bike is stolen call 616.456.3400

BIKE LANES are parts of the road that are designated for bicycles. Treat them like all other lanes, and enter and exit them predictably.

SHARED LANE MARKINGS or “Sharrows” are used on roads too narrow for bike lanes. Use them by riding straight through the arrow and stay visible and alert.

RIDE STRAIGHT THROUGH THE ARROW

When riding your bike, follow the same traffic rules that you would when driving your car. Watch out for blinkers and other clues: motorists will cross into bike lanes for parking, turns, and to avoid road hazards.

DON’T RIDE AGAINST TRAFFIC!

DON’T RIDE ON THE SIDEWALKS!

RIDE WITH A BIKE LIGHT

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