Safer Streets in SF

A Guide for Cyclists

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This is a vibrant and diverse city. It's home to people of all kinds, and people visit this great city from all over the world. Many of the people who live in SF or visit the City are seniors or people with disabilities. It's important that cyclists and pedestrians, alike, keep in mind that the streets belong to all of us. This means that keeping San Francisco's streets as safe as possible is everyone's responsibility.

Street safety entails a lot more than just paying attention to traffic lights. There are some facts every cyclist should keep in mind, when navigating the city streets. We've prepared a short list of these facts, which will help you be a safer cyclist and, in turn, may keep San Francisco's streets safer for everyone.

What every cyclist needs to know

Riding a bicycle on SF sidewalks is against the law for anyone over the age of 13. When you're on the sidewalk, walk your bike.

There are many people with hidden disabilities. Just because someone doesn't "look like" they have a disability, it doesn't mean that they don't. If you can hear or see something, do not assume everyone else can.

People come in all sizes, and many people use wheelchairs or scooters to get around. It's important to remember that not every pedestrian is a person who walks or is of average height. Be aware of your surroundings. It's your responsibility to look.

Curb cuts are for wheelchair users and others to navigate the streets safely. Blocking a curb cut poses a safety hazard. Likewise, blue parking zones are reserved for people with disabilities - don't block them

If you spot a hazard, report it. In San Francisco, you can call 311.

For more information on what you can do to make San Francisco streets safer, check out the Vision Zero initiative and The SF Bicycle Coalition:

www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/vision-zero
www.sfbike.org
To report any street hazards you encounter, dial 311

The Independent Living Resource Center San Francisco's Mission is to ensure that people with disabilities are full social and economic partners, both within their families and in a fully accessible community.

We actively engage pedestrians and cyclists in the effort to make San Francisco streets safer for everyone.

If you're a pedestrian or cyclist with a disability who wants to get involved, call us, or check us out online.

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