

Safety

Before You Ride

Garden Communities has the bicycles maintained to keep them in good working order, but you should always check the following things before starting a ride. If a bike needs repair, return the bike to the locker by inserting your card, and then press the button when prompted to “press button if bike needs repair”. Please call 888-540-0546 and let BikeLink know what needs repair.



- 1. Test the Brakes.** Check that both brakes are functional.
- 2. Check the Shifting.** Go through all the gears to make sure the chain shifts smoothly.
- 3. Check the Tires.** Push each tire hard against a curb or with your thumb. If you can squish it, it needs air.
- 4. Spin the Wheels.** Lift each wheel up and give it a slow spin. If the wheel rubs against the brake pads or anything else, the bike needs repair. Also look for cuts, bulges, or other problems with the tires.
- 5. Anything Else.** If something doesn't seem right, return the bike and flag it for repair by pressing button when prompted during the end rental sequence.

Safety While Riding

Checking the bike for safety is only part of having a safe ride. The other part is you!

A bike is a vehicle. You must follow all the rules of the road:

1. **Obey all traffic signs and lights**
2. **Ride with the direction of traffic.**
3. **Be Predictable.** Use hand signals and ride in a straight line.
4. **Be alert.** Look around you. Don't text or listen to headphones while you cycle.
5. **Always wear a helmet.** Helmets dramatically reduce the risk of head injury in a bicycle accident. You can borrow a helmet from the Garden Communities leasing office. Leasing Office hours are 9am-5pm.

If an Accident Occurs

We hope you will have a safe and fun time using Garden Communities Bike Share. If you are involved in a crash or accident of some kind while using a bike share bike:

1. Immediately call the police and emergency services by dialing 911.
2. Notify Bikelink and Garden Communities of the incident within 24 hours by calling 888-540-0546.
3. You may be required to fill out an Incident Form and provide a copy of your police report.
4. Return the bicycle. It will be assessed and repaired. Remember: you are responsible for damage to the bike.

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Safe Biking in the San Diego Area

Bicycle Classes

[San Diego Bicycle Coalition](#) and many other area cycling groups offer classes and information for cyclists. Whether you are new to biking, a little rusty, or interested in learning more about how to integrate cycling into your daily life, there's a class for you.

Bicycling Laws

To be a safe cyclist, it's important to know and follow the law.

[California State Department of Motor Vehicles](#) provides information on laws for cyclists and drivers.

Bicycle Maps

Bicycle paths, lanes and designated bike routes exist throughout the San Diego Area. To view a map of routes near you try :

Local Bike Routes

- [iCommuter Interactive Map](#)
- [San Diego Bayshore Bikeway](#)

Websites

- [Google Maps - Bike](#)
- [Bikely](#)
- [Ride the City – San Diego](#)

bikeways of the san diego region

- bike path**
A completely separate right-of-way for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians with crossflow by motorists minimized. Some bike paths may have restricted access or speed limits, obey posted signs on all paths.
- bike lane**
A striped lane is provided for one-way bike travel on a street or highway.
- bike route**
A shared right-of-way designated by signs only, where bicyclists share the roadway with motor vehicles.
- freeway shoulder bike access**
Some freeway shoulders are open to bicyclists. Use of freeway shoulders by inexperienced bicyclists is not recommended. Obey all regulatory signs and exit the freeway when required.
- other suggested routes**
These are not official bikeways but suggested routes for cycling. Bicyclists should use caution in choosing routes that are appropriate for their skill and equipment.

