

Franklin County Cyclists Safety and Etiquette Statement

Group Cycling Safety:

As a Franklin County Cyclists member, I will:

Have a bicycle in good working condition including functioning brakes.

Understand bicycles are considered vehicles under Pennsylvania law.

Wear a helmet whenever riding.

Not use any listening device of any kind while on Club rides, unless medically necessary.

Ride in single file in traffic and on narrow roads. Understand riding two abreast is allowed, however riding three or more abreast is illegal on public roads.

Not call out “all clear” at intersections.

Call out vehicle traffic approaching riders to other riders at intersections.

Use hand and verbal signals to alert fellow cyclists of hazards or directions and pass them along from the front to the rear of the group.

Ride predictably, not erratically, and avoid sudden stops.

Ride on the right side of the road and not hug the center line.

Call out and pass another cyclist on the left side.

When pulling over or stopping, get completely off the road.

Not cross or overlap wheels with another cyclist unless passing.

Group Cycling Etiquette:

As a Franklin County Cyclists member, I will:

Pay attention to the Ride Leader’s instructions, including advice concerning which ride classification to join.

Be prepared to ride at the published start time, including all pre-ride activities and sign in.

Select the appropriate ride pace for my ability and ride within the advertised ride pace.

Plan to stay with the group, but if I decide to break from the group before the ride is over, inform other riders.

Understand I am no longer on a Club ride and will be on my own when I break off from the group.

On “No Drop Rides” watch out for the rider(s) behind me, making sure I can see them.

Refrain from discharge bodily fluids when a cyclist is behind me.

Avoid confrontation with motorists, other cyclists and pedestrians even if they are in the wrong.

Not engage in physical or verbal abuse, foul language or malicious actions toward any person while riding or attending any Club Event.

Not engage in any unlawful activity.

Not engage in the open carrying of weapons on Franklin County Cyclists rides or events.

Not engage in non-consensual physical contact, unwanted sexual advances and any behavior which would be defined as sexual harassment under EEOC (Equal Opportunity Employment Commission) guidelines.