

Now that the weather will be getting nicer and more people will be outside walking and riding their bicycle in the Borough, the Collegeville Police Department would like to remind everyone of the following:

General Bicycle Law

Pennsylvania's Vehicle Code considers "pedalcycles" as vehicles and provides that every person riding a pedalcycle upon a roadway has all of the rights and responsibilities that a driver of a vehicle has, with certain exceptions.

If you ride in violation of the traffic laws, you greatly increase your risk of a crash and will likely be found at fault in the event of an accident.

Please remember:

Pedestrians have the right-of-way on sidewalks and bicycle paths. You must give an audible signal as you approach and pass a pedestrian.

Automobiles are not required to yield to bicycles being ridden across a crosswalk (at a trail crossing for example) as the bicycle is treated as a vehicle. A better choice is to dismount and walk your bike across.

You are not permitted to ride a bicycle on a sidewalk in a business district, except where permitted by official traffic control devices or where there is a bicycle-only lane available.

For more information on Bicycle Safety and Pennsylvania Laws please refer to the PennDOT webpage:

<https://www.penndot.pa.gov/TravelInPA/active-transportation/Pages/Bicycle-Safety-and-Pennsylvania-Laws.aspx>

<https://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/pubsforms/publications/pub%20380.pdf>