

Pedestrian Safety

The Colorado School of Mines is quickly becoming a more pedestrian campus. As more campus streets are closed and converted to pedestrian plazas and gathering locations, walking is becoming the most convenient method of travel to and from campus locations. As pedestrians co-mingle with bike, skateboard, and vehicle traffic basic pedestrian safety should be followed.

Walk on the Sidewalk

Stay on the sidewalk and use designated crosswalks. Avoid walking in traffic where there are no sidewalks or crosswalks.



Cross at intersections

Most people are hit by cars when they cross the road at places other than intersections. Stop at the curb and look left, right, and left again for traffic. Do not suddenly step off the curb or cross from in between parked vehicles. Stopping at the curb signals drivers that you intend to cross. Cross in marked crosswalks and obey the signal.

See and Be Seen

Drivers need to see you to avoid you. Stay out of the driver's blind spot. Make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets. Wear bright colors or reflective clothing if you are walking near traffic at night. Carry a flashlight when walking in the dark.

Violation Fines

Violation of any Colorado School of Mines bicycle/skateboard regulation, City of Golden municipal regulation, or Colorado State regulation may result in the issuance of a campus citation, City of Golden municipal citation, or State of Colorado citation.

The following bicyclist and skateboarder's violations are considered safety violations and a fine of **\$20.00** issued to the violator when issuing a Colorado School of Mines citation:

- Failure to obey a traffic control device
- Riding the wrong way on a one-way street
- Riding without lighting equipment
- Riding double on a single seat bike
- Failure to yield right of way
- Failure to signal
- Careless riding or not yielding to pedestrian on sidewalk
- Skateboarding in roadway
- Jay walking

Other violations: **\$50.00**

- Disobeying a police officer
- Clinging to a moving vehicle
- Providing false information /identification to an officer

A complete copy of the **Colorado School of Mines Bicycle and Skateboard Policy** can be found at:

<http://publicsafety.mines.edu/UserFiles/File/PublicSafety/skateboard.pdf>

Mission Statement:

It is the mission of the **Colorado School of Mines Police Department** to make the Mines campus the safest campus in Colorado.



COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES
Department of Public Safety

Cycling, Skateboarding, and Walking at the Colorado School of Mines



As the number of campus residents and visitors continues to grow and vehicle traffic/parking becomes more challenging, the use of bicycles, skateboards, and walking on campus is highly encouraged. The benefits of using alternative methods of transportation are a clean, quiet, healthy way to get around campus. Alternative transportation is also relatively inexpensive, more convenient, and easier way to your destination. Bicycle, skateboard, and pedestrian regulations are in place to maintain a safe campus environment for our students, visitors, and employees. You need to keep in mind the precautions necessary to protect your bike, yourself, and others. If after reading this brochure you still have questions, concerns, or suggestions please call the **Department of Public Safety at 303-273-3333**.

Cycling on Campus

Register Your Bike

Bicycle registration is not required but is highly encouraged to assist in the return of lost, impounded, or recovered bicycles. Bikes can be registered at no cost by contacting the Department of Public Safety Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.



Park Properly

In order to promote security and safety bikes should be parked properly in bike racks where provided. The following objects are not to be used for bike parking: Trees, plants, shrubs, signs, fences, railings, fire hydrants, or buildings.

Where no racks are available the bicycle may not be parked where it obstructs: Handicap ramps, walkways, streets or drives, building entrance, motor vehicle parking, grounds maintenance operations, or landscaped areas.



Protective Gear and Safety Equipment. Be Safe, Be Seen!

Always wear a helmet. A head injury can mean brain injury. That's why it's so important to wear your **bike helmet**. A helmet will provide some protection for the face, head, and brain in case of a fall. The bike helmet should fit properly. If the helmet is too big, too small, or not properly worn it may not provide the proper protection. If unsure of the helmet's fit seek assistance from a professional at a local bike store.



Wearing bright clothes and putting reflectors on the bike can also help staying safe. It helps other people on the road see the cyclist and helps avoid a collision. Daytime riding is the safest so try to avoid riding after sunset. Avoid wearing headphones or other distractions such as cell phone use. These types of distractions commonly lead to collisions. A white head lamp mounted on the front of the bicycle is required by Colorado State law when riding between sunset and sunrise.

Rules of the Road and Moving Regulations

All traffic laws apply to cyclists as well as motorists. When riding in the roadway cyclists have all the rights and responsibilities of the road that motorists do. Cyclists can also be charged with moving violations and so on. Cyclists must obey traffic lights, make complete stops at stop signs, and obey speed limits. Cyclists are allowed to ride on the sidewalk but must yield to pedestrians and stop/dismount at crosswalks.

If an accident occurs as a result of a bicyclist violation the cyclist can be issued a citation and may be liable for all damages and injuries to the other party, just as motorists are.

For a complete copy of **Colorado's Rules of The Road** visit:

http://publicsafety.mines.edu/UserFiles/File/PublicSafety/bicycle_rules.pdf

Skateboard Safety

The use of skateboards and roller-skates on the Colorado School of Mines campus is encouraged as an effective means of alternative transportation, and as such are permitted on campus sidewalks. Skateboarding on campus and Golden municipal streets is prohibited by law.



When used on the campus sidewalks the users must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, must ride at speeds safe for conditions, and dismount prior to crossing any roadway. Acrobatic and reckless skating is not permitted on the Colorado School of Mines Campus and all violators may be issued a citation. Riding on any step, planters, wall, and railings is also prohibited.

Have a Safety Mindset

More than just wearing pads, skateboard safety is about acting safe, and being aware of what you are doing and your surroundings.

Don't take chances

- Complicated tricks require careful practice and a specially designed area
- Only one person per skateboard
- Never hitch a ride from a car, bus, truck, bicycle, etc.
- Always wear protective gear such as a helmet and knee/elbow padding

Here are some ideas:

Be aware of your surroundings. While skateboarding, notice who else is around and don't get in other people's way. Don't suddenly stop in the middle of the sidewalk. Be aware of your abilities. Take it easy the first few times and do not try new tricks too early. Be aware of how good you actually are, and progress at your own speed.

