

Bicycle Parking in the Perth CBD and cycling tips





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Tips for parking your bike securely

- Buy a good quality lock such as a D-lock, extension cable or heavy chain lock. A good way to prevent theft is to use more than one kind of lock.
- Lock your bike wherever you decide to leave it, no matter how long you intend to be away. Your bike can be stolen within a few seconds.
- For secure locking, lock the bike frame, back wheel or both wheels, but never lock only the wheels.
- Secure items when you leave your bike. Remove any parts that can't be secured e.g. pump, light and toolkit.
- Park in open areas where many people walk by and your bicycle can be seen easily.

Parking options



U-Rail Parking







Toaster Racks



Spiral U-rail Parking

Cycling on shared paths

Shared paths are those that are signed with bicycle and pedestrian symbols. Only children under 12 years of age can ride on a footpath. When riding on a shared path:

- Have a bell on your bike.
- Keep left unless overtaking.
- Ride in single file unless overtaking.
- Give way to pedestrians.
- **Ring your bell** when approaching and overtaking pedestrians.
- Where a path intersects a road: - Always signal your intention to turn - Give way to motor vehicles using that road.

Cycling at night

Riding at night requires some additional equipment and greater awareness. To cycle at night safely you should:

- Always use lights on your bicycle at night. A white front light and a red rear light.
- Adjust your headlight correctly so that it illuminates the path and is not shining in the eyes of oncoming cyclists or pedestrians.
- Ride within the range of your headlight. Slow down if your braking distance is greater than the amount of path being shown by the light.
- Use reflectors. A red rear reflector and yellow reflectors on both wheels and pedals must be fitted.
- Wear light-coloured clothing and preferably something reflective to increase visibility.

Web links

Plan your trip and access the following information at www.transport.wa.gov.au/cycling

- Brochures
- Cycling Facts Sheets
- Cycling And The Law
- Maps and Guides





Cycling on roads

A bicycle is a legal vehicle, therefore the same rules apply to car drivers and cyclists on the road. However, there are a few road rules that only apply to cyclists. They must:

- Have at least one hand on the handlebars while in motion.
- Wear an approved helmet while in motion (unless exempted).
- Give more than two metres distance when riding behind a motor vehicle.
- Not hold onto or be towed by another moving vehicle.
- Not ride a bicycle on freeways or other roads that prohibits riding.
- Not be more than two bicycles abreast on the road. When riding abreast, the two bicycles must not be more than 1.5 metres apart.
- Use the left lane of a roundabout when turning right, but must give way to all exiting traffic.
- Not ride in a pedestrian mall.
- Not overtake on the left side of a motor vehicle that is moving and indicating to turn left.

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Cycling instead to work

Tips for cycling to work:

Work out your goal

E.g. "In three months I will be riding the eight kilometres to work four days a week".

This goal allows your body to adjust to doing a new activity.

• Prepare for your first ride:

1. Maintenance: Make sure your bike is working well. You may need to pump up the tyres, oil the chain or take it to a bike shop to be looked over.

2. **Plan route:** Using the Perth Bicycle Network routes is an easy way to work out a good route. You can view our bike maps online at www.transport.wa.gov.au/cycling

3. **Duration:** Consider making a trial ride over the route on the weekend. This is a good opportunity to see how long it takes.

4. **Luggage:** Add a basket or pannier bag to your bike for a more comfortable journey. Or find a comfortable packback.

Distance (km)	Time Required to Travel Distance	
	15km/h (Easy Cycle)	30km/h (Fast Cycle)
1	4 mins	2 mins
2	8 mins	4 mins
5	20 mins	10 mins
10	40 mins	20 mins
15	60 mins	30 mins
20	80 mins	40 mins

5. **Refreshing:** If you are going to need a shower at work, maybe get a locker to store some toiletries and a towel.

6. Adjusting: You may need to ride only once in the first and second weeks, followed by twice a week for a while. Giving your body a little time to adjust is the best way to ensure it isn't too much effort.

Before long, you will be riding regularly, getting fit, saving money and reducing greenhouse emissions.



