

Quick 5: Bike Notes

- Registering your bike with Northwestern University Police at <http://www.northwestern.edu/up/community-services/bike-registration/index.html> also registers your bike with the City of Evanston.
- Students, faculty, and staff receive a FREE helmet and light when they register their bike with Northwestern University Police.
- Please secure your bike on authorized bike racks only. Bikes locked to railings or other structures may be removed.
- Place your bike registration sticker in a prominent place to deter theft.
- Be safe! Wear your helmet and obey all traffic signs and markings.

www.northwestern.edu/safety-security

Quick 5: Key Bike Regulations in Evanston, IL

Evanston has some specific biking regulations that are unique to the city. Know before you go!

1. Bicycle riding is **prohibited on sidewalks in the central business district***, on the west side of Sheridan Road, or in any other district where signs prohibiting sidewalk riding are posted.
2. If riding on sidewalks, you must yield right-of-way to pedestrians and give audible signals before passing pedestrians.
3. You may not ride a bicycle on a public roadway or sidewalk while using any device which would impede awareness of auditory or visual warning signals (phones, headphones, etc.). You may also not carry anything which prevents the use of both hands upon the handlebars or obstructs your vision.
4. When biking **during hours of darkness** the bicycle or the rider must have a lamp emitting a white light visible at least five hundred feet (500') to the front. Your bicycle must also be equipped with a red reflector visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the rear.
5. You may not obstruct vehicle traffic while riding on a public roadway.

***The central business district is bordered by the streets Elgin and Clark (N), Hinman (E), Lake (S), and Ridge (W).**