

Guidelines for Shared-Use Paths

6 Rules to Keep Yourself and Others Safe

The City of Irvine has a wonderful network of *shared-use* bike and pedestrian paths for the enjoyment of bicyclists, pedestrians, families, children, dogs, and sometimes wildlife.

Because these paths are *shared*, all users need to show courtesy to others by following these six rules:

Bicyclists:

1. **SLOW DOWN!**

You are sharing the path with families, children, dogs, ducks and other wildlife.

- Shared-use paths are for *leisurely* riding. If you're in a hurry, use *on-street* bike lanes.
- Type 3 electric bikes are **NOT allowed** on shared-use paths.

2. **Ride to the RIGHT and Pass on the LEFT.**

3. **Go single file** when approaching pedestrians or oncoming traffic.

4. **Leave plenty of space when passing** on the left; don't pass if there is oncoming traffic.

5. Politely *ring your bell* or *give a verbal cue* when passing others on the path.

6. **Wear a helmet and use front and rear lights** at night.

Pedestrians:

1. **BE ALERT.** You are sharing the path with bicyclists.

2. **Stay to the RIGHT.**

3. **Don't spread** across the path. **Go single file** when bikes or other traffic is approaching.

4. **Walk straight ahead** when you hear a bell or cue that a bike is passing.

5. **Keep children & dogs close.** Dogs should be on a *short leash*; don't let them lurch toward others.

6. Be seen! **Wear bright or reflective clothing** and consider wearing a light at night.