

## Bike Smart!

With the arrival of warmer weather, more New Yorkers will be using their bicycles for commuting, exercising, and recreation.

To ensure a safe bicycling experience, it is imperative to "bike smart." The Department of Transportation has published a useful "Bike Smart" booklet. This booklet explains the bicycle regulations and safety considerations bicyclists need to be aware of to practice safe cycling.



Many New Yorkers are unaware that bicyclists must adhere to the same traffic laws as motor vehicles, and may be ticketed for traffic offenses. For instance, bicyclists MUST:

- Yield to pedestrians
- Stop at all red lights and stop signs
- Ride in the direction of traffic
- Do not bicycle on the sidewalk (unless you are under the age of 13)

New York City now has more than 800 miles of bike lanes. Bicycling can be convenient and enjoyable ... if done safely and responsibly.

