

KANSAS BICYCLE LAWS

Article 15. Operation of bicycles, Motorized Bicycles, Low Power Cycles and Play Vehicles

Sec. 127. Effect of Regulations.

- (a) Violation of any provision of Sections 128 to 133, inclusive, is a traffic infraction.
- (b) The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of Sections 128 to 133, inclusive.
- (c) The provisions of Sections 128 to 133, inclusive, which are applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any highway or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, subject to those exceptions stated herein. (K.S.A. 8-1586)

Sec. 128. Traffic Laws Apply to Persons Riding Bicycles.

Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this ordinance, except as otherwise provided in Sections 127 to 133, inclusive, of this article and except as to those provisions of this ordinance which by their nature can have no application. (K.S.A. 8-1587)

Sec. 129. Riding on Bicycles; Seats; Riders Limited.

- (a) A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.
- (b) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped. (K.S.A. 8-1588)

Sec. 130. Clinging to Vehicles.

No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same, himself or herself to any vehicle upon a roadway (K.S.A. 8-1589)

Sec. 131. Riding on Roadways and Bicycle Paths.

- (a) Every person operating a bicycle or a moped upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, except under any of the following situations when:
 - (1) Overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction;
 - (2) Preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway; or
 - (3) Reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards or narrow width lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the right hand edge of the roadway.
- (b) Any person operating a bicycle or a moped upon a one-way highway with two or more marked traffic lanes may ride as near to left side of the roadway as practicable.
- (c) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.
- (d) Wherever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway. (K.S.A. 8-1590)

Sec. 132. Carrying Articles.

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars. (K.S.A. 8-1591)

Sec. 133. Lamps and Other Equipment on Bicycles.

- (a) Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the division shall be visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.
- (b) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.
- (c) No person shall sell a new bicycle or pedal for use on a bicycle that this not equipped with a reflector of a type approved by the commission, on each pedal of such bicycle which is visible from the front and rear of the bicycle during darkness from a distance of 200 feet. (K.S.A. 8-1592)

