



Virginia Tech and Town of Blacksburg Bicycle Policies

In accordance with the Code of Virginia (46.2-1015) both the Town of Blacksburg and Virginia Tech require lights and the front and a red reflector on the rear of bicycles when in use between sunset and sunrise. In accordance with the Code of Virginia (46.2-1078), a person may not operate a bicycle while using earphones on or in both ears.

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Bicyclists must obey all the laws of vehicular traffic.	Bicyclists must obey all the laws of vehicular traffic and must have a light when exceeding 35 mph.
Pedestrians have the right of way and bicyclists must be careful of and courteous to pedestrians.	Pedestrians have the right of way and bicyclists must be careful of and courteous to pedestrians.
Bicycles are permitted on all roadways, concrete and asphalt pathways, grass and sidewalks.	Bicycles are permitted on all roadways, concrete and asphalt pathways, grass and sidewalks. Bicycles are prohibited on sidewalks in the Downtown zone.
When pedestrian traffic is heavy, bicyclists shall dismount completely and walk.	When pedestrian traffic is heavy, bicyclists shall dismount completely and walk.
Bicyclists are encouraged to dismount at crosswalks.	Bicyclists are encouraged to dismount at crosswalks.
Bicyclists are encouraged to use helmets.	Bicyclists are encouraged to use helmets. (For ages 14 and under are required)
All bicycles belonging to VT Faculty, Staff, and Students are required to be registered with Parking Services.	TOB encourages registering bicycles with Blacksburg Police Department.
Bicycles must be parked only at bicycle racks. Written permission may be given by department heads for other areas. Bicycles may be kept in a dorm room with the agreement of the roommate.	Bicycles must be parked only at bicycle racks.
Bicycles that are parked in areas other than those stated within VT Policy may be impounded or immobilized by Parking Services or the VTPD.	Blacksburg PD will cut locks on bicycles locked to trees, parking meters, or when impeding traffic.
Bicycles that are left on university grounds 5 days following spring graduation will be considered abandoned and may be impounded and disposed of in accordance with university policy.	Abandoned bicycles will be impounded when a complaint is logged with Blacksburg PD.

For more details on Virginia Tech's bicycle policy visit
<https://parking.vt.edu/alternative/Bike/cyclingrules.html>.

For information about TOB's bicycle policies visit blacksburg.gov and municode.com.