

In accordance with the Code of Virginia (§ 46.2-1015) both the Town of Blacksburg and Virginia Tech require lights on 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.

**Virginia Tech**

**Town of Blacksburg**

On the roadway, bicyclists must obey all the laws of vehicular traffic.	On the roadway, bicyclists must obey all the laws of vehicular traffic and must have a light when cycling on roadways exceeding 35mph.
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. Town wide, except in the Downtown commercial zone.
In times of heavy pedestrian traffic, bicyclists shall dismount completely and walk.	In times of heavy pedestrian traffic, 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, helmets are required)
All bicycles belonging to VT faculty, staff and students must be registered with Parking Services.	Town encourages registering bicycles with Blacksburg Police.
Bicycles must be parked only at bicycle parking racks, except when written permission has been granted by the head of the department to keep a bicycle within the area assigned to the owner. Bicycles may be kept in a residence hall room with the agreement of the roommate.	Bicycles must be parked at bike racks.
Bicycles found parked and/or locked in areas other than those expressly stated within this policy may be impounded or immobilized by Parking Services or the VT Police Department.	Blacksburg police will cut locks on bicycles locked to trees, parking meters or impeding a sidewalk.
Bicycles that are left on university grounds more than five days following spring graduation will be considered abandoned. These bikes will be impounded and disposed of in accordance with university policy.	Abandoned bicycles will be impounded when a complaint is logged with Blacksburg police.
Courteous notification of intent to pass pedestrians should be signaled by a bell or by saying "on your left".	Courteous notification of intent to pass pedestrians should be signaled by a bell or by saying "on your left".
Mopeds and motor scooters are not considered bicycles and need to follow the guidelines in university policy number 5005.	Town Code – Ord.1497, State Code 46-2-914 Operators of mopeds and motor scooters must wear helmets and face protection.

**For more details on Virginia Tech's bicycle policy visit [www.tcs.vt.edu](http://www.tcs.vt.edu).**

**For information about TOB's bicycle policies visit [www.blacksburg.gov](http://www.blacksburg.gov) and [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com).**