

Traffic Safety Program – Bicycle Safety Policy

The Berkeley Lab presents many unique challenges for motor vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian safety. The roadways are narrow, can be crowded and under construction, traverse steep terrain, and intersect in many different ways. It is critically important for all individuals who share the roadways at the Laboratory to exercise caution at all times for their own safety and the safety of others. Bicyclists, drivers, and pedestrians must be especially aware of safety considerations and be more vigilant when in close proximity to one another.

The following policy outlines measures that bicyclists must address, but underscores the essential role that all individuals who use roadways on Laboratory property play toward ensuring the safety and well-being of bicyclists. Additional policy elements governing motor vehicle and pedestrian safety will be incorporated shortly.

- Individuals who wish to ride a bicycle on Laboratory property are encouraged to obtain a permit from the Site Access Office. These voluntary permits are available as a means to facilitate access through the entry gates at the Laboratory for bicyclists.
- **All bicycle riders on Laboratory property must wear helmets** that have been approved by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).
- Bicyclists, like operators of motor vehicles and motorcycles, must obey all [California Vehicle Code \(CVC\)](#) and Berkeley Lab traffic and parking regulations when riding on Laboratory property. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a) Obeying all posted speed limits or the basic speed law, whichever is slower.
 - b) Obeying all traffic rules and signs.
 - c) Ensuring bicyclists use a headlamp (white lamp) during periods of darkness.
- The use of flashing rear lights and reflective devices or clothing above and beyond what is specified in the CVC is strongly encouraged by the Laboratory to improve the visibility of riders on the roadways.
- Bicycles (or motor vehicles) may not be parked in areas that could compromise the access to or use of life safety or emergency equipment (e.g., fire hydrants, fire alarms, fire extinguishers, emergency rescue boxes). Bicycles are also prohibited from being parked in building corridors, stairwells, entrances or exits or other areas that could interfere with proper access and egress from Laboratory buildings.