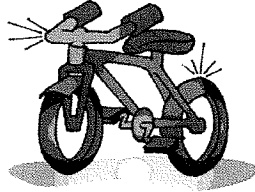


## LACKAWANNA COUNTY SAFETY PROGRAM BICYCLE SAFETY REVIEW



As summer approaches, Lackawanna County Safety Program would like to take this opportunity to offer some bicycle safety tips while riding this season.

- Inspect your bicycle at least once a month to make sure everything is working properly and in good shape.
- Always wear an approved bicycle helmet. According to state law, all children 12 and under must wear an approved helmet when riding a bicycle.
- You should wear bright colored clothing so you can be seen.
- Stop and check for traffic before entering a street from a driveway, parking lot, or sidewalk.
- Obey all traffic signs, signals and pavement markings.
- Ride on right hand side of road in the same direction as traffic flow.
- Ride single file if with friends.
- Watch for parked cars with people inside. Someone may open a door in your path.
- Be careful when passing driveways. Cars may be pulling in or out.
- Avoid broken pavement, litter, loose gravel, mud or leaves because any of these can cause you to lose control of your bike.
- Never use any type of headphones. You need to hear traffic as well as see it.
- Use hand signals when you stop or make a turn.
- Slow Down when you approach an intersection; stop, look, and listen at stop signs, and walk your bike across busy intersections and streets.

