



ISLE OF PALMS POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AWARENESS

According to the South Carolina Department of Transportation, while bicycle and pedestrian death rates have declined, “South Carolina is still ranked in the top five worst states, nationally, in terms of per capita deaths” (www.scdot.org, 2012).

The City of Isle of Palms is committed to providing safety and education to raise awareness to all. It is paramount that cyclists, pedestrian walkers and operators of motor vehicles understand state laws and safety recommendations applicable. The Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways which provides information regarding the operation of bicycles on the roadways of the State of South Carolina (www.scstatehouse.gov/code/title56.php).

Bicyclists in South Carolina are subject to the following traffic laws:

- Ride on the right hand side of the road with the flow of traffic.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Bicycles are not allowed on freeways.
- Bicycles are not allowed to “hitch” rides on moving vehicles.
- Form a single line in heavy traffic.
- At least one hand must remain on handlebars at all times.
- Bicycles operated at night must be equipped with a lamp on front that produces a white beam of light visible at least 500 feet away. Also, the bike must have a red rear reflector.
- Bicycles must have brakes adequate enough to slide the rear tire.

Contact the Isle of Palms Police Department with any questions you may have. Let’s work together to keep our streets safe!

Helpful Links:

www.mybikelaw.com
www.nhtsa.gov
www.scdot.org
www.pccsc.net