

# Bicycle Safety Administrative Citation Program



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The Irvine Police Department is dedicated to the safety of our children. Bicycle riding is a healthy and fun way for children and teenagers to explore their community. However, every year, school-aged children are injured while riding a bicycle or crossing the street due to their relative inexperience. Their safety depends on their ability to make good decisions.

## BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAMMING

The Irvine Police Department, in conjunction with the Department of Community Services, has developed many programs to enhance bicycle safety and awareness for school-aged riders. Bicycle rodeos, safety classes and other programs are offered regularly at Irvine schools. Educating our children about bicycle safety to mitigate the potential for accidents will continue to be an important priority for the City of Irvine. A version of the Bicycle Safety Class offered to school children at large has been adapted as an alternative to receiving a formal citation for vehicle code violations associated with riding a bicycle. The new program provides a police officer with the discretion to refer a young rider who has committed a traffic violation to attend the Bicycle Safety Class as an alternative to receiving a formal citation. This positive alternative is a great way for youth to learn about safe traveling behaviors and related traffic laws.

### Details:

- Offered one Saturday per month 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- Open to community members 12-17 years old
- Two hours long
- Free of charge
- Held at the Irvine Police Department
- Requires parent participation

To learn more about bicycle safety programming, please contact the Irvine Police Department Traffic Unit at 949-724-7000.

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