Safety Information

• Be prepared
  Plan a safe route and make sure your bike is in good working order.

• Be aware
  Watch for pedestrians and hazards like car doors opening, turning vehicles, potholes, rubbish, grates.

• Be confident
  Ride in a straight line, at least one metre from parked cars. Take the lane when you have to.

• Be considerate
  Don’t hold up the flow of traffic – keep as far left as is practical and safe.

• Be predictable
  Make eye contact with other road users and signal your intentions clearly.

• Be seen
  At night and in low light, cyclists must show white front and red rear lights and have either yellow pedal reflectors or reflective material.

• Be patient
  Slow down near parked or lined up vehicles. Pass slowly when it's safe.

• Always wear bright colours and position yourself so that you can be seen.

• Don't wear head phones that prevent you from hearing vehicles and others approaching.

• Slow down at crossing points and give way to vehicles at side streets.

• All road rules apply to all cyclists. A bike is a vehicle and motorists expect cyclists to obey the road rules.

• All cyclists must wear an approved safety helmet.

There are safety standards for bicycles. Refer to The Official New Zealand Road Code for details.

The NZ Transport Agency and the Police recommend that children under 10 years be accompanied by a competent adult rider when riding on the road. When on the footpath, children should ride slowly and be alert to risks and other path users.

On shared paths

• Warn people as you approach from behind
• Listen for cyclists or other users coming from behind and move to the left if you hear them.
• Watch out for sneaky driveways that cross the shared path.
• Look out for pedestrians, give them space and slow down as you pass.

Useful information

• You can fit up to two bikes on all Dunedin public transport buses.

• There are lots of options for bicycle hire or guided cycling in and around Dunedin. For details contact the i-SITE Visitor Centre on (03) 474 3300 or visitorcentre@dcc.govt.nz.

If you have a crash with a car involved, it is important that you report it to the Police. Call 111.

To report unsafe or risky driving behavior, log your observations with the Police Community Roadwatch at www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/community-roadwatch-form.