Campus Safety Advisory: Share the Road

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CAMPUS SAFETY ADVISORY

SHARE THE ROAD
#SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY

The purpose of this Bulletin is to promote safe behavior among students, faculty, staff, and visitors moving around campus and raise awareness to provide a safe environment for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. We all use multiple modes of transportation, whether walking, biking or driving and share the responsibility in assuring it’s done safely.

Pedestrians:

• **Always cross at marked crosswalks.**  
  You forfeit your rights as a pedestrian if you cross elsewhere.  
  The pedestrian crosswalk for Otterbein students/faculty/staff members is marked on the roadway between the Courtright Memorial Library and Towers Hall.

• **Obey any pedestrian signals and look left-right-left**  
  to make sure the road is clear in both directions before crossing.

• **If a vehicle approaches, make eye contact with the driver**  
  to be sure s/he sees you before you cross.

• **Look before walking past stopped vehicles.**  
  Do not cross just because a driver waves you on. Be sure all lanes are clear first.

• **Remember that bicyclists are not considered pedestrians**  
  unless they are walking their bikes. Otherwise, they are considered vehicles

• **Avoid distractions by stopping distracting behavior**  
  like texting, talking on your phone, and listening to loud music on headphones. Observe your surroundings and be aware of signs or any obstacles

Bicyclists:

• **Yield to pedestrians.**

• **Remember that bicyclists are not considered pedestrians**  
  unless they are walking their bikes. Otherwise they are considered vehicles and forfeit their rights as pedestrians in the case of an accident or citation.

• **Use extra caution as you transition between bike paths, roads and sidewalks.**  
  Be aware that your actions are unpredictable to drivers and pedestrians.

Drivers:

• **Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections.**

• **Be prepared to stop**  
  at all marked crosswalks. Stay alert and reduce speed in areas with crosswalks.

• **Be alert for bicyclists and skateboarders**  
  whose approaches to the crosswalk may be much swifter than those of pedestrians.

• **Come to a complete stop**  
  if pedestrians are crossing or preparing to cross.

• **Wait until pedestrians have crossed at least one lane past the lane you are in**  
  before resuming travel.

• **Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk.**