

Bicycle safety wherever you are riding - on busy streets, country roads, or bike paths - is a matter of common sense. Under New York State law, bicyclists are vehicle operators who are entitled to share the roads with motorists. Cyclists must also obey the same rules of the road as motorists. Safe bicycling means being predictable, being visible, riding defensively, and using proper equipment, especially a helmet and lights.

It is important to have a bicycle registered with the Police Department in case it is lost or stolen. Registration is free. You must bring your bicycle to the Police Department. Any Police Officer on duty will assist you in getting your bicycle registered.

Parents are encouraged to teach their children proper bicycle safety and rules. Lights and reflectors are required on all bicycles that are operated after the hour of darkness. Helmets can help to prevent head injuries and all operators are encouraged to wear an approved helmet. Many parents have a child seat attached to their bicycle. It is especially important that children riding in a child seat have an approved helmet to help reduce injury in case the bike tips over or is involved in an accident.

The Salamanca Police Department is dedicated in its desire to promote safe and fun bicycling. Officers will be watching motorists and cyclist to ensure a safe environment for both.

You may contact the Salamanca Police Department at 716-945-2330 if you have any questions concerning bicycle safety.