

Lakefield Police Department Community Update

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L.P.D. UPDATE

Stay Aware & Stay Safe

BICYCLES

Chapter 73

73.01 TRAFFIC LAWS APPLY

Every person riding a bicycle on a roadway shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the drivers of the vehicles under the laws of the state and the traffic laws, except those traffic laws which by their nature cannot reasonably be applied to bicycles.

(A) Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instruction of the official traffic-control signals, signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(B) Whenever authorized signs are erected that no right or left or U-turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any sign of this type except where the person dismounts from the bicycle to make the turn; in that event the person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

73.03 MANNER AND NUMBER RIDING.

No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at 1 time than the number for which it is designed and equipped, except:

(A) A baby seat is attached to the bicycle, provided that the baby seat is equipped with a harness to hold the child securely in the seat and that protection is provided against the child's feet hanging in the spokes of the wheel; or

(B) In a seat attached to the bicycle operator.

73.04 CARRYING ARTICLES.

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least 1 hand upon the handle bars or from properly operating the brakes of the bicycle.

To read the entire chapter go to www.lakefieldmn.com or stop by City Hall to view all City Ordinances.

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

The Lakefield Police Department is pleased to announce a newly established bike patrol. The patrol type is focused on community policing and crime prevention.

The patrol aims to strengthen relationship with community through direct conversation. The bikes will allow officers to move more easily thought-out neighborhoods and patrol the bike path.

We want to be role models for riders by demonstrating the "rules of the road".

May is bike safety month. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage more community members to give biking a try.



Here are some quick tips from the Minnesota Safety Council.

- Always wear your bike helmet. If you fall or are involved in a crash, striking your unprotected head, the injury could cause brain injury, making it hard for you to talk or walk.
- Check your brakes before you head out to ride.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Ride in single file in the same direction as traffic, not against it. Stay as far right on the pavement as you can.
- Signal your turns with proper hand signals.
- Yield to cars and people on foot.
- Don't ride through busy intersections or on streets with heavy traffic. Find a safer way to go.
- Walk your bike across busy intersections and left turn corners by using the appropriate crosswalk.

NOTICE

OPERATION OF ATV, UTV, & GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEFIELD

We hope the following information will increase safety and prevent accidents.

- Valid Drivers license.
- Only operated between the hours of 8:00 am to 10:00 pm.
- Not to exceed 25 MPH.
- ATV & UTVS licensed as required by State of MN DNR.
- Golf Carts licensed through City Hall.
- May Not be operated on state Hwy.
- May Not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Not operated within 150 yards of public gatherings.



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May is Older American Month

The Lakefield Police Department values our senior residents and we are here to help keep you safe. Below are a few recommended resources to keep you from being scammed.



Clip & Save

Phone Numbers

For all emergencies dial **911**

Lakefield Police Dept.
1-507-662-5353

Jackson County Dispatch Services
507-847-4420

Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888

Lakefield City Hall
507-662-5457

Domestic Assault Victims (SW Crisis Ctr.)
800-376-4311

MN SW Crisis Center 24 hour SAFE Line
800-376-4311

MN SW Crisis Center Youth Text Line
218-666-8336

MN Elder Justice Center
651-440-9312

Violence Free Minnesota
1-800-333-SAFE

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault
800-964-8847

The Council for Prevention of Domestic Violence
712-362-4612

Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services
1-800-662-5207

Jackson Cnty. Court
507-800-7003

Jackson Medical Cntr.
507-847-2420

Resources: MN Attorney General's Office

Senior Citizens

We have prepared a general handbook for seniors, Seniors' Legal Rights, that contains information on estate planning, health care, consumer protection, scams, and other topics.

<https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Consumer/Handbooks/SLR/Default.asp>

Senior Scams

Scams targeting seniors come in all sizes, range greatly in complexity, and may originate from someone as close to you as your next door neighbor or a stranger halfway around the world. You should report criminal activity to your local police department and sheriff's office. Telephone numbers for these offices are available on our [Public Protection webpage](#). Our Senior Scams webpage has additional resources and information.

<https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Consumer/Seniors/SeniorScams.asp>

Unwanted Calls

Many senior citizens are bombarded by unwanted calls at one time or another—even though their telephone number is on the Do Not Call Registry. These calls can be difficult to stop because the scam artists placing them are often engaged in criminal enterprises designed to steal people's money and have no regard for the law. As a result, they are not dissuaded by the fact that a person's telephone number is on the Do Not Call Registry. Our publication on unwanted calls, [Do Not Call Registry and Unwanted Calls](#), has additional resources for people dealing with this problem. Federal Trade Commission 1-888-382-1222 <http://www.donotcall.gov/>

Unwanted Mail

Millions of seniors get bombarded by unwanted mail each year, ranging from political organizations to charities to sweepstakes promoters to fortune tellers. The problem with these mailings is that it can be very difficult to stop them. The organizations that send this sort of unwanted mail routinely sell and trade mailing lists. Once a senior citizen gets on a particular mailing list, they often find that the grows exponentially. For some tips on how to respond to unwanted mailings, see our publication entitled Reducing [Unwanted Mail to Seniors](#).

Additional information: <https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Consumer/Seniors/SeniorScams.asp>

Also, [Home - Minnesota Elder Justice Center \(elderjusticemn.org\)](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGER'S TIP

Do 1 Thing is a twelve-month preparedness program that focuses on a different area of emergency preparedness each month. Do 1 Thing is designed to help people take small steps toward personally preparing for emergencies or disasters.

<https://www.do1thing.com/individuals/>
<https://www.do1thing.com/business/>



www.dps.mn.gov

GOALS FOR MAY

Disasters can happen at any time.

- Do you know what the emergency procedures are for your child's school or for your workplace?
- Will people who count on you know what to do if you can't reach them?
- Know how to make sure you and your loved ones are safe in a disaster, no matter where you are.

Learn more... <https://www.do1thing.com/individuals/work-school-community/>