

MAY IS NATIONAL

BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH

- Share the Road -

The Burbank Police Department and California Office of Traffic Safety are reminding all drivers and bicycle riders to look out for one another and share the road safely during National Bicycle Safety Month.

Bicycle Safety remains a key concern and top priority in our community year-round. It is the goal of the Burbank Police Department to reduce the number of collisions, injuries and deaths involving bicyclists by providing education and increasing enforcement to help safeguard everyone on the road.

Throughout the **Month of May**, the Burbank Police Department aims to remind bicycle riders to follow the same rules of the road as drivers, including stopping at stop signs, yielding to pedestrians, and not riding distracted or under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Drivers should remain vigilant in looking out for bicyclists, and remember, California law requires drivers to allow **at least three feet of space** when passing a bicycle on the road.

To help keep everyone safe on our roadways not only in May, but all year long, the Burbank Police Department has the following reminders:

- Drivers should look behind them before making a turn at an intersection, changing lanes, or pulling away from a curb, especially if crossing into a designated bike lane.
- Drivers should use extra caution when backing or leaving a parking space.
- Bicyclists should always ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Bicyclists should make themselves visible by wearing brightly colored clothing, and reflective clothing during darkness.
- Bicyclists are reminded to use lights from dusk to dawn (white light to the front; red flashing light or reflectors to the rear).
- Bicyclists should always wear a helmet and use hand signals when turning or stopping.
- Both drivers and bicyclists should avoid distractions like using their cell phone.