

# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

# BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH

- Share the Road -

May is Bicycle Safety Month and the Burbank Police Department is encouraging those out riding and driving to look out for one another, while practicing safe social distancing.

**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.

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 bicyclists safe on our roadways, the Burbank Police Department has the following reminders:

- Bike riders should always wear a helmet.
- When cycling, use hand signals for turning and stopping.
- Drivers should look behind them before making a turn at an intersection, changing lanes, pulling away from a curb, opening their door, or when reversing 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 in low light conditions.
- Bicyclists are reminded to use lights from dusk to dawn (white light to the front; red flashing light or reflectors to the rear).
- Both drivers and bicyclists should avoid distractions like using their cell phone.
- Follow social distancing measures and maintain at least six feet of physical distance between other riders.

