

## Driving, Cycling, and Walking Safety

### General

Getting around campus can be a challenging experience depending on the time of year. Pedestrians, bikes, scooters, utility vehicles, and equipment are all on the road at the same time, which can increase this likelihood of accidents.

- Always be on the lookout, other people may not be paying attention to their surroundings.
- Do not assume someone else will follow the rules. People can make mistakes with grave consequences.
- Adjust your habits to changing weather conditions. Snow and rain create slippery conditions that increase stopping distances and limit visibility.

### Driving Vehicles

- Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit in Minneapolis and Saint Paul is 20mph.
- Before making a turn, look in all directions for pedestrians and cyclists. Expect to see a lot of activity on and around campus.
- Buckle up and drive undistracted. Avoid using phones, mobile devices, adjusting the radio – even eating.
- Pedestrians have the right of way in intersections and marked crosswalks. By law you must stop and wait for them to cross.
- Turn your lights on. In the wintertime, headlights are as much for being seen as they are for seeing. Don't depend on the auto headlight feature; make sure other vehicles know you're there by manually turning on your lights.
- Look out for road signs. One



way streets, dead ends, and authorized vehicles only areas are common on campus. Plan your route ahead of time.

### Bicycles and Scooters

- Wear a helmet.
- Bicyclists have all rights/duties of any other vehicle driver; obey all traffic control signs and signals.



- On roadways, keep to the right of the lane as much as possible unless making a left turn.
- Electric-assisted bicycles and scooters may travel where bicycles do, unless otherwise posted.
- Bicyclists should ride on the road unless there is a bike lane or path, and must ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Use hand signals when making turns.
- City ordinances dictate when bicycles can be ridden on a sidewalk. When possible, use bike paths or ride on the road.

### Walking

- Look for vehicles before crossing the road, even if the crosswalk signal is on. Vehicles may not stop like they should for you.
- Only cross the street at intersections and designated crosswalks.

