



# STAY SAFE ON THE GOLDEN GATE!

## SLOW DOWN AND ENJOY THE BEAUTY!



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### THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE IS ONE OF THE MOST BREATHTAKINGLY BEAUTIFUL BIKE RIDES AND WALKS IN THE WORLD.

Cycling across the Golden Gate Bridge continues to grow in popularity as more and more cyclists are taking to the road – both exercise-oriented riders and casual users on rented bikes. This increase is great news for congestion relief, air quality and physical fitness. It also means that sidewalk does get crowded. Patience, understanding and awareness are critical for all who access the sidewalk.

Remember, people come from all around the world to enjoy the views and beauty that we get to experience every day!

## TIPS FOR CYCLISTS



- Obey posted signs.
- Ride at safe speeds appropriate to the number of people on the sidewalk.
- Yield to pedestrians.
- Ride single file and keep right unless passing.
- Use extra caution and patience when passing others and pass only when it is safe to do so. Ring your bell or call out "on your left" before passing a pedestrian or another cyclist, keeping in mind that the person(s) you are passing may not hear you due to roadway noise or they may not understand English.



- Exercise caution when passing maintenance equipment, especially in variable wind conditions and heed warnings from Bridge security and maintenance personnel.
- Slow down at the Bridge towers as wind conditions vary and it is difficult to see around crowds and tight corners.
- When possible, use the viewing areas at either end of the Bridge- they offer more space to enjoy the views.
- Be mindful of cyclists coming from behind.



## TIPS FOR PEDESTRIANS

- Stay as close as possible to the outside railing (the railing on the water side) when walking on the sidewalk.
- Be aware of your surrounding at all times as the sidewalk can be very busy with both pedestrians and bicyclists.
- When the sidewalk is busy, walk in a single file, if possible.
- Keep children close to you.
- Dogs are allowed only if on a leash at all times.



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