



Motorcycle Safety is a Two-way Street

nsc.org/road-safety/safety-topics/motorcycle-safety

When spring is in the air, motorcycles are everywhere. Do you long for the freedom that comes with riding on the open road? Then it's critical to respect your machine and improve your skills throughout your lifetime.

But that's only half the story. Motorists interested only in four-wheeled vehicles still have a major responsibility in keeping motorcyclists safe on the road.

Drivers: Do You Ever Think About Motorcycles?

The vast majority of vehicles on the road are not motorcycles. They're cars and vans and trucks. It's quite possible that as a driver you rarely think about motorcycles. This is a problem.

"When motorcycles and other vehicles collide, it is usually the other (non-motorcycle) driver who violates the motorcyclist's right of way," according to an issue statement from NHTSA. "There is a continuing need to help other motorists 'think' motorcycles and to educate motorcyclists to be aware of this problem."

Why do drivers often violate motorcyclists' right of way?

- Motorcycles are relatively small and drivers don't see them
- Drivers don't anticipate motorcycles' movements
- The driver's view of the motorcyclist is obstructed, often by the vehicle's blind spots or other vehicles
- The driver is distracted

Driver education programs should emphasize these issues – especially in programs for mature drivers who may have diminished abilities.

36% of All Fatalities in 2016 Were Older Riders

Riders 50 and older made up 36% of all motorcycle fatalities in 2016, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. So-called "re-entry riders," who rode in their 20s and decided to take it up again in their late 40s to 60s

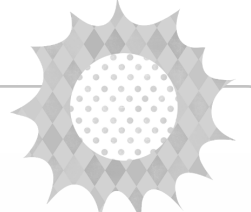
face additional challenges today: more traffic, more powerful bikes, more distracted drivers and diminished physical skills.

If you're going to ride a motorcycle, it's important to commit to a lifetime of learning new skills and brushing up on the old ones.

A helmet is the most important equipment a biker can use.

In addition to wearing a helmet:

- Choose a bike that fits you; "supersport bikes" have driver death rates about four times that of cruisers or standard bikes, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety
- Invest in antilock brakes
- New riders should take a motorcycle safety course, and experienced riders should take refresher courses after being off their bikes for a while
- Know the rules of the road
- Be aware that riding with a passenger requires considerably more skill
- Never drink and ride
- Drive defensively, especially at intersections, where half of all collisions occur
- Watch for hazards like potholes, manhole covers, oil slicks, puddles, debris, railroad tracks and gravel
- Assume you are invisible to other motorists and position yourself to be seen
- Use headlights day and night
- Be courteous; don't weave in and out of lanes, or ride on the shoulder or between lanes
- Don't speed
- Wear bright and/or reflective clothing that is durable and boots that cover the ankles
- Wear goggles, glasses or use a face shield that is ventilated to prevent fogging, and make sure it's clear if riding at night



City of Spearfish Regular Meeting Times

Council Chambers
2nd Floor City Hall

- City Council meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Monday at 5:30pm
- Public Works Committee - Tuesdays at 4:15pm before next Council meeting
- Legal & Finance Committee - Wednesdays at 4:15pm before next Council meeting
- Planning Commission - 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 3:00pm
- Parks, Rec, Forestry Advisory Board - 3rd Thursday at 7:30am
- Airport Board - Qtrly–Mar, June, Sept, Dec-2nd Thursday at 1:00pm

If a meeting falls on a holiday, it will be held the following day. Visit the website for meeting times, agendas and minutes.

Directory

Building & Development 642.1335

Building Dept, Code Enforcement, Engineering & Floodplain, Planning & Zoning

Campground 642.1340

Finance Office 642.1325

Accounts Payable, Cemetery, Utility Billing, Water/Sewer Maintenance

Fire Dept 642.1313

Library 642.1330

Parks, Rec & Forestry 722.1430

Police Dept 642.1305

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City Administration, Mayor's Office, RUS Info, Garbage Collection, Street Dept

Rec & Aquatics Center 722.1430



In loving memory of Julie Myers

July 5, 1963-July 23, 2017

SAVE THE DATE!

The free fall cleanup event is scheduled for Sept 20-23 at the Restricted Use Site (RUS) aka Rubble Site.

GARBAGE REMINDERS

- * Garbage cans need to be out by 7:00am on your scheduled pickup day.
- * Yard waste is not allowed in garbage cans.

For safety reasons, the road through the City Campground is closed for the season.

City facility & park shelter rentals are managed by the Rec & Aquatics Center!

Call 722-1430 to make your reservations!

Visit the City's website for more details.

Community Events

Spearfish Farmers Market

Brady Park on Saturdays from 9am-12pm

Grace Balloch Memorial Library

625 N 5th St * 642-1330 * cityofspearfish.com

- Aug 1 is the last day for most age groups to submit their entries to be eligible for grand prize drawings in our Libraries Rock! Summer Reading program. (Tweens must submit their hours by July 25 to be eligible for the skating party).
- There will be no youth programs during the month of Aug. We will resume our school-year activities in Sept.
- Aug 15 at 5:30pm-The library will be hosting an information session for anyone interested in becoming a hospice care volunteer.

Weekly Events Through July 27

- Toddler Story Time (Ages 1-3) - Tues at 9:30am
- Story Time (Ages 4-8) - Tues at 10:30am; Wed at 10:30am
- Music Activity Days are Thurs! Ages 3-7 at 10am; Ages 7-10 at 1pm
- July 25 - Tween Craft from 12-1pm (includes lunch) Ages 10+

Spearfish Senior Center

1306 N 10th St * 642-2827 * spearfishseniorcenter.weebly.com

- July 28th - Monthly fundraising breakfast from 7:30am-10am. Pancakes with sausage, or biscuits with sausage gravy will be offered with juice and coffee or tea. Everyone welcome!
- Aug 5th-Aug 11th - Fundraising Biker Breakfast will be held from 7am-11am. Caramel rolls, pancakes with sausage, or biscuits and sausage gravy with juice, coffee or tea. Everyone welcome!

High Plains Western Heritage Center

825 Heritage Drive * 642-9378 * westernheritagecenter.com

- July 28 - Day of the Cowboy - Starting at 10:30am-Author, Doug Hoff, presents "Honoring Anna". Buffet lunch served at 12pm by Cheyenne Crossing. 1pm-special guest TBA. 1:30pm-Author Jeannie Hudson and her partner Dawn Newland present their "Mariposa" series. Suggested donation is \$25 with proceeds benefiting Miss SD Rodeo, Kay Mars for her trip to compete as Miss Rodeo America in Las Vegas this fall. Reservations for lunch are required. Book signings will follow both presentations.
- The Spirit of the American Cowboy Supper and Comedy Music show is a can't miss attraction for locals and visitors alike. Authentic cowboy supper will be served out of the back of an original 1800's chuck wagon followed by a 45-minute comedy music show performed by Gordy Pratt and Dalyce Sellers in the Bruce Miller Theater. Shows are Tuesdays and Thursdays starting July 10 through Aug 2. Show begins at 6pm Tickets for dinner and show: Adults \$30; Children 6-12 \$15; 5 and under are free. Show ticket only \$15.

BHSU

1200 University St * 642-6343 * bhsu.edu

- Aug 7-Dennis Kirk Jacket Ride for Veteran's Scholarships
- Aug 17-Residence Halls move-in and BHSU Night at Downtown Friday Nights
- Aug 19 at 5pm-Campus and Community Fair, Campus Green
- Fall Classes Begin Aug 20

Spearfish Fire Department

622 Canyon St * 642-1313 * cityofspearfish.com

Aug 18 - Inaugural Firefighter Golf Classic! Benefiting Fire Departments in the Black Hills-Shotgun Start at 8:30am ~ Spearfish Canyon Golf Club. 18-Hole, 4-Person Team Scramble Event ~ Lunch following play ~ Tee prize for each participant ~ 18 hole prizes ~ Hole-in-one vehicle ~ Mulligans available ~ Raffle at check-in ~ Limit 32 Teams ~ Register ASAP. Contact Jaime or Rob at SCGC 717-4653.

Community Coalition

PO Box 708 * 717-1417 * spearfishcommunitycoalition.com

The Spearfish Community Coalition is still looking for volunteers for the Downtown Friday Nights ID Tent! If you, or your organization would like to volunteer to check IDs, please contact Melissa at spfccdirector@gmail.com or call 717-1417.

Spearfish Sasquatch

559-0214 * spearfishsasquatch.com

Join us for Collegiate wood bat baseball at the Black Hills Energy Stadium! Visit our website for tickets and a full game schedule!



- July 24 vs. Pierre Trappers - 6:35pm - 9:35pm
- July 25 vs. Casper Horse Heads - 6:35pm - 9:35pm
- July 26 vs. Casper Horse Heads - 6:35pm - 9:35pm
- July 27 vs. Hub City Hotshots - 6:35pm - 9:35pm
- July 28 vs. Hub City Hotshots - 6:35pm - 9:35pm
- July 29 vs. Souris Valley Sabre Dogs - 5:35pm - 8:35pm
- July 30 vs. Souris Valley Sabre Dogs - 6:35pm - 9:35pm
- Aug 1 vs. Pierre Trappers - 7:05pm - 10:05pm

Matthew Opera House & Arts Center

612 N Main St * 642-7973 * matthewsopera.com

- July 23-25, 30-31, Aug 1 - "The Phantom of The Matthews Opera House" Summer Theater. All performances are at 7:30pm. Tickets are on sale for \$12/adults, \$6/18 and under
- Aug 14 - Theater on the Run Tickets Go On Sale

Spearfish Rec & Aquatics Center

122 Recreation Lane * 722-1430 * spearfishreccenter.com

- Movies in the Park-Jul 25 at Jorgensen Park. ~ 8:30pm
- Movies in the Park-Aug 15 at Sandstone Park. ~ 8:00pm
- Rally Day camp Jul 30-Aug 10 from 8-5pm daily. Register online or at the Rec Center
- Youth Football Parent meeting Aug 20 6:30pm at the Rec Center

Chamber of Commerce

106 W Kansas St * 642-2626 * spearfishchamber.org

Aug 15 - Annual Spearfish Community Picnic, hosted by the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce, from 5:30-6:30pm, at the City Park large center shelter. On the menu will be brats and BBQ pork sandwiches with summertime fixin's. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Chamber office at the corner of Main and Kansas Streets or by calling. Prices are adults \$10, children 4-10 are \$5, and under age 4 are free. Tickets will also be available at the event. Join us in celebration of the great community we call home!

The Fire Department is always looking for volunteers!

For more information, contact Mark or Rob at 642-1313 or fire.admin@cityofspearfish.com

Contact Kieffer Sanitation for your recycling needs. Call 342-5575 or visit easierrecycling.com to sign up!