Bicycles, Skateboards and Scooters…Oh my!

Soon summer will be over, and classes will be in session. This means larger crowds, more pedestrians, bicycles, skateboards, and scooters trying to navigate their way around campus. While riding a bike, skateboard or scooter seems like the faster way to commute around campus, it does not come without hazards. You may not realize the speed you are traveling, the sudden stop someone may make in front of you, cars, and buses, or being distracted by a text, all potentially causing an accident. Listed below are safety tips for using these walking alternatives.

What motorist can do to ensure bicyclists’ safety?
- Make eye contact
- Treat them like other motorist, giving them proper passing distance and respect signals
- Obey signals
- Be cautious when driving in inclement weather

What can Pedestrians do to ensure bicyclists’ safety?
- Treat bike lanes as you would a road
- Cross streets only at crosswalks
- Don’t wear headphones that you are unable to hear your surroundings with
- Obey traffic signals

For more information please visit: Purdue University Bicycles Page

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