

[Bicycle accident injuries](#) can be very severe, if not deadly. Being safe on a bike involves more than wearing the proper safety equipment; it involves knowing the safety rules of the road. The California Vehicle Code relates to the operation and safety of bicyclists.

One of the most important rules of riding a bicycle includes driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, Vehicle Code 21200.5. It states, “It is unlawful to ride a bicycle upon a street or highway while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or drug or the combination of alcohol and a drug, punishable by a fine of up to \$250. A person arrested may request a chemical test. If the person is under 21, but over 13 years of age, his or her driving privilege will be suspended for one year or delayed for one year once the person is eligible to drive.”

Thousands of people are injured in bicycle accidents every year in California – not to mention those that do not survive. If you are planning on riding around town on your bicycle, take a moment and learn the safety tips associated with bike riding. Don’t just learn them – obey them. A bicycle is a vehicle that shares a complex traffic environment with larger vehicles.

Bicycling is a fun and healthy way to travel California roads. Unfortunately, it can also be dangerous for those not paying attention. If you are hurt while riding your bike, contact an experienced San Bernardino Personal Injury attorney to discuss your legal options – one who will fight to get you the best possible financial compensation.