

## Bicycle

### What do you have to consider when riding a bike?

You can easily explore the District of Hameln-Pyrmont by bike.

You can get anywhere at any time, **quickly** and at **low cost**.

In Germany, and also in the District of Hameln-Pyrmont, there are special **cycle paths**. **Cyclists** must also follow the **traffic rules**.

Some important traffic rules for cyclists

- Always ride on the **right side of the road**.
- **Do not** ride next to each other, but **behind each other**.
- If there is a **cycle path**, you must use it (always on the right side in the direction of travel).
- Only children under 11 years of age are allowed to use the footpaths by bicycle.
- While riding, you may only wear headphones if you can still hear everything.
- You are **not** allowed to make calls (without a hands-free kit).

### Buying a bicycle

Make sure that your bicycle is **roadworthy** when you buy it.

Otherwise, you will have to pay a fine if the police check your bicycle. The bicycle must be equipped with

- a bell
- two independent brakes
- a white light, front
- a white reflector, front
- a red light, back
- a red reflector, back
- four yellow spoke reflectors or reflective white stripes, on the tyres or spokes
- non-slip pedals, each with two pedal reflectors



If you want to buy a **used bicycle**, you will find cost-effective offers here:

- at bicycle shops
- at bicycle auctions
- in a bicycle repair shop in your community
- at flea markets
- in the classified ads section of daily and weekly newspapers
- on information boards in shops
- on social media
- in apps for used goods
- on websites for used goods

## **Bicycle repair**

**Bicycle shops** can repair your bike. You'll have to pay for that. In some [cities and municipalities](#) there are also **bicycle repair shops** run by **volunteers**. It's usually cheaper. You can also get help with repairs here.

Find out on site which offers and support possibilities are available.