

LETTER: Cyclists need to respect walkers

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Dear Editor:

As a frequent walker and pedestrian on the North Shore and in Vancouver, I am becoming increasingly concerned about my safety and the safety of other walkers like me. I have often felt threatened by inconsiderate cyclists while on a walking path or sidewalk who do not have the courtesy to at least use a bike bell to announce that they are approaching right behind me.

Walking becomes very unpleasant when trying to dodge out of their way! I believe that one should be able to go for a pleasant and healthy walk without putting life or limb at risk. We need to educate cyclists on the rules of the road, and to teach them how to show respect toward walkers. Teaching cycling etiquette in schools and community centres would be a good start.

Bylaws could be another consideration. Maybe cyclists need separate paths from walkers? Any ideas?

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