From Dick Gothier, Patrol Manager

BIKING AND WALKING SAFETY

Each year in the U.S., more than 65,000 pedestrians are injured and about 5,000 are killed by cars. That hasn’t yet happened in our community, and we want to do all that we can to prevent such accidents. We don’t have sidewalks, so a few precautions for walkers and bikers are important, especially this time of year when more walkers are out in the early morning hours while it is still dark and enjoying their exercise before it gets too warm.

1. **Walk facing traffic.** Do all that you can to be seen by drivers. Wear light colored clothing and something reflective. In the dark, carry and wave a flashlight as you walk. Try to make eye contact with oncoming drivers. If walking your dog, keep your pet on a short leash wearing a reflective collar or leash. Most importantly, walk close to the curb, NOT in the automobile traffic lane.

2. **Bike with traffic.** At night, be sure your bike has a light and reflectors, especially on the back. Wear light colored clothing. Be extra aware of traffic approaching you from behind. Install a mirror. Bike close to the curb, NOT in the automobile traffic lane.

Be sure to have identification with you and carrying your cell phone is a good idea.

**DRIVERS,** please be extra alert during the dark hours and drive SLOWLY.

Dick Gothier, Security/Patrol Manager, Cottonwood Palo Verde
COTTONWOOD FIVE LAKES WALKING PATHS

What a wonderful amenity we have in Cottonwood - The walking paths that go around our five lakes area. You can use the paths for a brisk exercise walk or just a relaxing stroll through the lakes enjoying the fine manicured grass, trees, and wildlife. Our common area maintenance people do a great job.

LOOK OUT! Here comes a golf cart down the path. Doesn’t the golf cart driver know he is supposed to yield to the walkers?

LOOK OUT! Here come some bicycle riders down the path. Don’t these bicycle riders know they are supposed to yield to the walkers?

LOOK OUT! Here are some dog walkers with the leash stretched out across the path which I could surely trip over.

LOOK OUT! Here come 3 walkers shoulder to shoulder taking up the whole path so I can’t pass.

We can all surely enjoy these walking paths if we just show a little courtesy to one another.

1. Golf carts and bicycles **MUST** yield to pedestrians.
2. Dog walkers should be considerate so that the leash does not pose a hazard to fellow walkers.
3. Walkers should be considerate and walk single file when approaching walkers coming from the other direction.

Let’s all enjoy each day in our great surroundings. This is a great adult community. Be kind, be friendly, and be considerate of each other.

Dick Gothier, Security/Patrol Manager, Cottonwood/Palo Verde

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Pro-au-Cons
Lambs-and-Scams

Don't wait for the Pros and Lambs to appear on your doorstep. The only thing you are going to get on your doorstep are the Cons and Scams. The "Pros" don't solicit door to door. The "Lambs" do not take advantage of you.

The Cons and Scammers are here to paint your house cheap. They are here to fix your roof cheap. They are here to clean your carpets for free. They are here to do your landscaping cheap.

**IF YOU BUY CHEAP - YOU GET CHEAP PRODUCT!** Remember, these guys mostly show up in the winter time when they know that our population is the highest and most vulnerable.

**DO NOT** let these people on your property. Tell them to leave and then call Patrol immediately at 480-895-9277. We will run them out of our neighborhood, even if it means getting the Maricopa Sheriff's Office involved. They are up to no good.

They approach you in your driveway, they ring your doorbell, or they knock on your door because they do not have a good reputation or recommendation from any source.

Embrace the Pros and Lambs. Kick out the Cons and Scams.

Dick Gothier, Security/Patrol Manager, Cottonwood Palo Verde
YOU MEAN I ALSO HAVE TO BE ON THE LEASH?

The answer is YES! When you are out walking your Pet, "Your Pet Must Be on a Leash". Guess what, you must know the rule also be on the leash.

When you are out walking your Pet, "Your Pet Must Be on a Leash". You know the rule also be on the leash. Pet owners are required to control their animals' behavior. Pets found running loose on HOA#2 properties may result in the owner being fined. Minimum $100 FINE, if not corrected.

You DO NOT meet the criteria of "My Pet is on a Leash" if you don't have that leash in your hand. You may think you can control your Pet without having a grip on the leash, but, I can guarantee that you cannot control the huge dog walking on the other side of the street that is being walked with his leash dragging on the ground.

Therefore, we can all get along if:
- Our Pet is on a Leash
- We have control of that Leash

Remember - A Leash in the Hand is better than 2 on the ground!

BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR HOMEOWNERS CARD WITH YOU WHEN USING THE FACILITIES!

"GUEST CARDS" CAN BE ISSUED ONLY IF YOUR FRIENDS OR FAMILY ARE VISITING YOU WHILE YOU ARE HERE IN RESIDENCE.

BE SURE TO EITHER ACCOMPANY YOUR GUESTS OR OBTAIN "GUEST CARDS" FOR THEM!
AED and FIRST AID SUPPLY LOCATIONS

You may wonder: Where are our AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) and First Aid Kits located in Cottonwood Palo Verde? **The HOA owns five (5) AED units located in the following areas:**

- Cottonwood Lounge Lobby
- Cottonwood Golf Pro Shop
- Palo Verde Golf Pro Shop
- (2) Cottonwood/Palo Verde Patrol Vehicles

Unless the emergency occurs directly adjacent to either of the Golf Pro Shops, the easiest and quickest way to get an AED to your location is to call Patrol @ 480-895-9277. Patrol can get to any location within minutes. **If you feel an AED is truly needed, your FIRST CALL must be to 911 and THEN Patrol.** The Patrol Officers have been trained in the operation of the AED. Even if a person has not been trained in the operation of the AED, the machine itself explains how to hook it up and it virtually operates itself.

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**The HOA has First Aid Kits** in many locations which have a supply of necessary items such as bandages, antiseptic ointments and spray, gauze, tape, etc. First Aid Kits are located in the following areas:

- Human Resources
- Administration Office
- Cottonwood and Palo Verde Golf Pro Shops
- Cottonwood and Palo Verde Lounges and Restaurants
- San Tan and Michigan Gates
- Patrol Vehicles
- Cottonwood and Palo Verde Maintenance Facilities

Remember, if you are not located in close proximity to any of the buildings, call Patrol @ 480-895-9277. Again, if the injury is of a severe nature and the situation warrants, your FIRST CALL must be to 911.

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**NEW SERVICE FROM YOUR PATROL**

In the past, Patrol was installing the Cottonwood Palo Verde window decals at the Michigan Gate and the RFID Palo Verde Entrance Transmitters at the San Tan Gate. Since these installations usually tied up the exit lanes at both gates, Patrol has made the following improvements.

If you require either a window decal or RFID transmitter to be installed on your vehicle(s), please call Patrol at 480-895-9277. Patrol will make an appointment with you and at your convenience will install them at your home.

How sweet! Home delivery, courtesy of your Patrol!
COTTONWOOD PALO VERDE
HOMEOWNERS SAFETY / SECURITY GUIDELINES & RESOURCE BOOKLET
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HOME LOCK BOX
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LOST & FOUND
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PALO VERDE TRANSMITTERS & CWPV WINDSHIELD STICKERS
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REMINDERS FOR PALO VERDE RESIDENTS
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SUN LAKES SHERIFF'S POSSE
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