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## Press Release

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**Celina, OH** – Mercer County Sheriff Jeff Grey today reminds motorists to be cautious of runners, walkers, and bicyclists. As the weather turns warmer, these types of popular outdoor activities will be on the increase.

Sheriff Grey offers the following safety tips for citizens who enjoy these activities especially right now as Ohio is experiencing short winter days and many people find themselves exercising in the dark.

1. Wear reflective or light clothing.
2. Face the traffic. If you're walking routes do not have bike paths and you are forced to walk/run on the road, it is best to walk/run in the direction facing oncoming traffic.
3. Be mindful of your surroundings; if at all possible never walk/ run alone.
4. Beware of drivers. Do not assume that drivers know when pedestrians have the right of way.
5. Vary your route. This is for safety as well as enjoyment. This prevents anyone else from memorizing your whereabouts or routine.
6. Wear safety equipment for instance when riding your bike always wear a helmet.

Sheriff Grey hopes these simple common sense tips will help keep Citizens safe as we transition into spring and summer.

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