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Traffic Safety in City Creek Canyon

SALT LAKE CITY – City Creek Canyon has experienced an increase in accidents, close calls, and injuries incurred as a result of those traveling at excessive speeds. “I cannot stress enough the importance of safe driving not only throughout our city but especially in our most highly used recreational areas,” said Salt Lake City Police Chief Mike Brown. “These locations are not just popular destinations for enjoyment, they are also cherished spaces where families gather and communities grow.” The speed limit is enforced for the safety of all those who enjoy the canyon. City Creek Canyon, located in Salt Lake City, is a source of recreation and fun for many throughout our community. The canyon is a refuge for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and other types of visitors. The following travel rules are enforced for the safety of all those visiting City Creek Canyon:

- The speed limit for all vehicles (including bicycles, e-bikes, scooters, etc.) is 15 mph.
- Bicyclists must always stay on the to the right, traveling on the canyon’s stream side heading uphill, and on the slope side traveling downhill.
- Pedestrians keep to the stream side of the canyon
- Dogs always on leash, maximum 6-foot length (retractable leashes are highly discouraged)
- Bicyclists should dismount and walk through the canyon entrance-exit area
- “Go before you go.” Do not relieve yourself in the canyon
- No camping in the canyon
- Keep It Pure: Pack out what you pack in and leave no trace

It isn’t uncommon for bicyclists to hit the steep downhill at speeds exceeding 40 mph, according to watershed employees. “Salt Lake City Fire Department has seen an increase in responses to City Creek Canyon that we feel are preventable. We’ve responded to various accidents due to excessive speed from both cyclists and vehicles. With the increased summertime activity in the canyon, we are asking the public to please pay attention to the posted speed limits and avoid injuries,” stated Salt Lake City Fire Chief Karl Lieb. A series of blind curves up and down the road, with people pushing baby strollers,

walking dogs, and families sometimes strolling four and five abreast, simply create a recipe for disaster. Laura Briefer, Director of Salt Lake City's Department of Public Utilities said, "City Creek Canyon is key to our community for recreation and as a water source. Please help us to ensure that it remains a safe space for all to enjoy."

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