

## Lightning Detection

Florida is highly known for its powerful thunderstorms. These storms often produce a tremendous amount of lightning strikes. This makes it unsafe for people to be walking on the beach. Take shelter when you sense an approaching thunderstorm.



## Facts about FMB

- FMB is 7 miles long with only 2 lanes of roadway from North to South (Estero Boulevard)
- There are no stop signs for 6 miles on Estero Boulevard
- Traffic can become very congested during holidays and season
- There are multiple distractions (pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicles)
- Trolley Transportation Services available

## Trolley Service

The Trolley Service and information can be found at the link below:

[www.rideletran.com](http://www.rideletran.com)

- Yield to allow Trolley to re-enter into traffic
- Obey all traffic laws when following a Trolley
- When exiting the Trolley, do not cross the street until Trolley and traffic are clear



## Safety Awareness

Public Safety Committee



## Be seen on FMB

### Pedestrians, Bicyclists & Motor Vehicles

The purpose of this brochure is to bring awareness and knowledge to those residing or visiting on Fort Myers Beach.

**Be Safe, Be Smart, Be Seen!**

## Pedestrians

Below are some helpful tips when trying to cross the road:

- **Make eye contact with approaching traffic before crossing**
- Wear light and bright clothing especially in the evening or dusk
- Use a designated crosswalk
- Extend an arm out alerting drivers you want to cross
- Assure the driver has completely stopped in both directions
- Double check in both directions that it is safe to cross
- Thank the drivers for yielding with an acknowledgment
- Pedestrians should use crosswalks when crossing Estero Boulevard
- Carry a flashlight after dark



## Bicyclists

Bicyclists must share the road on Fort Myers Beach. Below are some safety tips when sharing the road:

- **A bicyclist should always ride with traffic, never ride against traffic, it's the law**
- All children under 16 are required to wear a helmet. Everyone should wear a helmet
- Wear light and bright clothing, especially in the evening or dusk
- Share the road when shoulders are too narrow
- Do not use cell phones or ear buds while operating a bicycle
- Walk your bicycle when using a designated crosswalk
- If riding on sidewalk, share with pedestrians
- Lights must be on front and rear of bicycle at night, it's the law



## Motor Vehicle Drivers

Drivers need to take extra precautions while sharing Estero Boulevard. Some of those precautions are described below:

- **Stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, it's the law**
- Give bicyclists a 3 foot clearance, it's the law
- Take caution when passing a stopped vehicle
- Be Alert for pedestrians entering the road
- Watch for pedestrians, bicyclists and mopeds
- Do not use cell phones while driving
- Flash your headlights to notify pedestrian that you have seen them
- Do not drink and drive
- Double check each direction when entering Estero Boulevard
- Watch for Trolley passengers entering or exiting the Trolley

