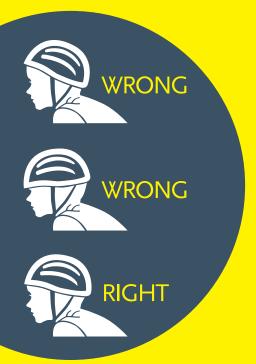
The Right (and Wrong) Way to Wear a Helmet

Remember – the right fit means the right protection. Get the right size and allow your child to try it on. The right helmet

- Should not pinch
- Includes foam pads to adjust the fit
- Has perfectly adjusted straps
- Covers the top of the forehead
- Does not rock back and forth or side to side



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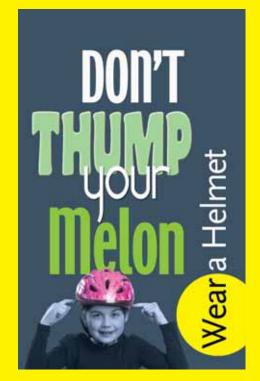
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It should come as no surprise, really. Helmets help protect heads. And because 75% of all bicycling-related deaths are the result of head injuries, it only makes sense to get a helmet on those melons.

After all, with an 88% reduction in brain injury during an accident with a helmet, your kids can't afford not to wear one.

Other notes:

- Nearly 800 people are killed each year bicycling – a majority of whom were not wearing helmets
- More than a half million people visit the emergency room due to bike-related injuries
- Riding at night is 7 times more risky than during the day

Six quick tips on getting your kids to wear a helmet.

- Let your child pick out the helmet.
- Remind your child to always wear a helmet when bicycling
- Lead by example wear your own helmet
- Begin the habit early get a helmet with the first bike
- Praise and reward your child each time it's worn
- Spread the love encourage other parents to buy helmets

CPSC means SAFE: As of March 1999, all bicycle helmets made in or imported in the United States must meet a uniform safety standard issued by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Look for the CPSC label or sticker that says the helmet meets the new standard.



Kids Love Helmets

(As Long As They Get to Pick Them Out)