

Attention All Bike Riders & Parents



SAFETY FIRST...It's the Law!

Under Florida law, a bicycle rider or passenger who is under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet properly fitted, fastened securely upon the passenger's head by a strap and that meets the federal safety standard for bicycle helmets, as defined by the Code of Federal Regulations (16 C.F.R. Part 1203).

Florida has long held the undesirable rank of the worst state for cycling safety in America. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ([NHTSA](#)) reports in a single recent year, there were:

- 818 bicyclist deaths in the U.S., accounting for 2.3 percent of all traffic deaths (a 12.2 percent year-over-year decrease).*
- 45,000 bicycle accident injuries, accounting for 1.8 percent of the total number of injured crash victims. (This figure likely understates the problem because not all injuries are officially recorded.)*
- 70 percent of fatal bicycle crashes occurred in urban areas (where riders are more likely to encounter the deadly combination of heavy traffic, limited road space and frequent intersections.)*
- 150 bicyclists were killed just in Florida that year, accounting for 5.1 percent of all motor vehicle deaths.*
- Please let the front office know if your child needs a helmet and is unable to afford one at this time.*