



STATE HELMET LAWS

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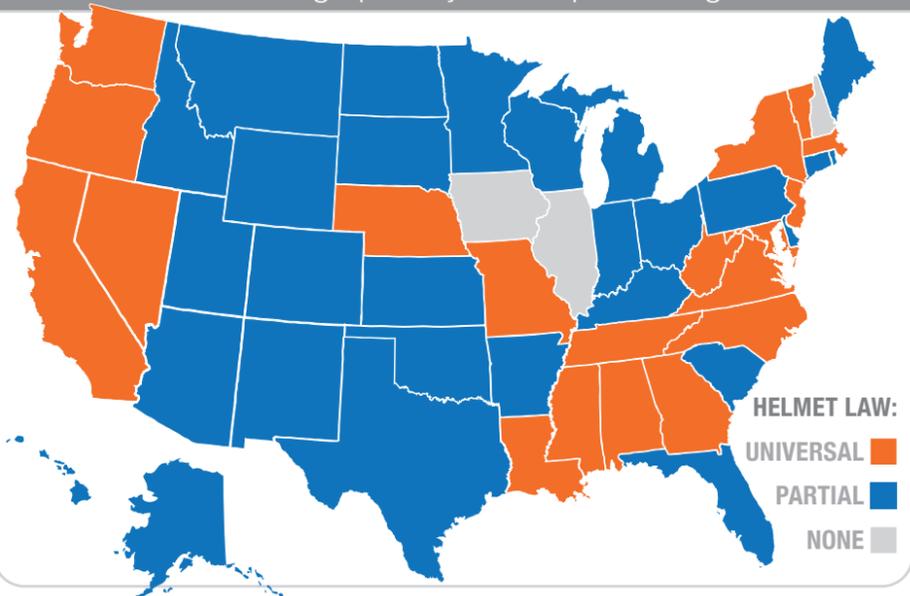
ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR HELMET



SOME RIDERS MUST WEAR HELMET



NO HELMET LAW



ALABAMA	REQ'd SINCE 1967
ALASKA	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
ARIZONA	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
ARKANSAS	REQ'd FOR UNDER 21
CALIFORNIA	REQ'd SINCE 1992
COLORADO	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
CONNECTICUT	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
DELAWARE	REQ'd FOR UNDER 19
FLORIDA	REQ'd FOR UNDER 21
GEORGIA	REQ'd SINCE 1969
HAWAII	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
IDAHO	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
ILLINOIS	NO LAW SINCE 1970
INDIANA	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
IOWA	NO LAW SINCE 1976
KANSAS	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
KENTUCKY	REQ'd FOR UNDER 21
LOUISIANA	REQ'd SINCE 2004
MAINE	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
MARYLAND	REQ'd SINCE 1992
MASSACHUSETTS	REQ'd SINCE 1967
MICHIGAN	REQ'd FOR UNDER 21
MINNESOTA	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
MISSISSIPPI	REQ'd SINCE 1974
MISSOURI	REQ'd SINCE 1967
MONTANA	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
NEBRASKA	REQ'd SINCE 1989
NEVADA	REQ'd SINCE 1972
NEW HAMPSHIRE	NO LAW SINCE 1995
NEW JERSEY	REQ'd SINCE 1968
NEW MEXICO	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
NEW YORK	REQ'd SINCE 1967
NORTH CAROLINA	REQ'd SINCE 1968
NORTH DAKOTA	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
OHIO	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
OKLAHOMA	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
OREGON	REQ'd SINCE 1988
PENNSYLVANIA	REQ'd FOR UNDER 21
RHODE ISLAND	REQ'd FOR UNDER 21
SOUTH CAROLINA	REQ'd FOR UNDER 21
SOUTH DAKOTA	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
TENNESSEE	REQ'd SINCE 1967
TEXAS	REQ'd FOR UNDER 21
UTAH	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
VERMONT	REQ'd SINCE 1968
VIRGINIA	REQ'd SINCE 1970
WASHINGTON	REQ'd SINCE 1990
WASHINGTON, DC	REQ'd SINCE 1970
WEST VIRGINIA	REQ'd SINCE 1971
WISCONSIN	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18
WYOMING	REQ'd FOR UNDER 18

NOVICE HELMET LAWS

IN STATES WITH PARTIAL LAW



Operators with instructional permits must wear a helmet in these States:

AK, CT, DE, IN, KY, ME, MN, PA, WI



Less than a year of holding a license; must wear a helmet in these States:

MAINE, OHIO, RHODE ISLAND



Less than 2 years of holding a license; must wear a helmet (unless you complete an approved safety course):

PENNSYLVANIA

PASSENGER HELMET LAWS

IN STATES WITH PARTIAL LAW



All passengers, regardless of age, must wear a helmet in these States:

ALASKA, RHODE ISLAND



Passengers must wear a helmet if the operator is required to wear a helmet in:

ME, ND, OH, PA

- For other States, passengers should follow the same age requirements as the operator.
- If the operator holds an instructional permit, they may not be allowed to carry a passenger.

MEDICAL INSURANCE FACTORS

IN STATES WITH PARTIAL LAW



Once the rider turns 21, they can ride without a helmet only if they provide proof of medical insurance in:

FLORIDA, KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, TEXAS*

*Texans can complete an approved safety course as an option

STUDIES SHOW:
States that changed to a universal helmet law saw a decrease in:



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of FATALITIES

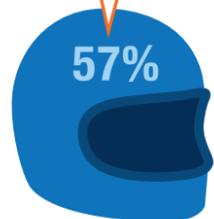


of SERIOUS HEAD INJURIES

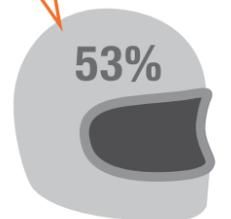
"I always wear my helmet"



94%
RIDERS IN STATES with UNIVERSAL LAW



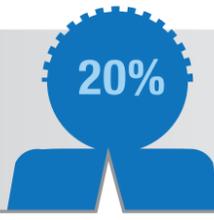
57%
RIDERS IN STATES with PARTIAL LAW



53%
RIDERS IN STATES WITH NO LAW



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20%



21%

"I never wear my helmet"

Based on a 2009 phone survey of 1,818 motorcyclists by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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This presentation was based on research gathered on 7/2/12 merely as an aid to better understand the varying U.S. helmet laws. Though this data was gathered as accurately as possible, you should consult your State's Dept of Motor Vehicles for laws applying to helmet use. Sources: American Motorcyclist Assoc., National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. We suggest wearing a full-faced, DOT-approved helmet while riding on a motorcycle.