

## State Helmet Laws

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	Statewide M/C		Statewide Bicycle		Localities Bicycle (#)		Notes	Last MC	Last Bicycle
	Under 18	Adult	Under 18/16	Adult	Under 18/16	Adult			
Alabama	Yes	Yes	Yes(16)	No	n/a	2.00			1994
Alaska	Yes	No	No	No	3.00	-	16		2005
Arizona	Yes	No	No	No	4.00	-	16		1997
Arkansas	Yes	No (21+)	No	No	-	-			
California	Yes	Yes	Yes(18)	No*	n/a	1.00	pass under 5, scooters-all		1994
Colorado	No	No	No	No	-	-			
Connecticut	Yes	No	Yes(16)	No	n/a	-	1 City Repealed		1998
Delaware	Yes	No	Yes(16)	No	n/a	-			1996
District of Columbia*	Yes	Yes	Yes(16)	No	n/a	n/a	Stats from Ironhorse Helmets		2004
Florida	Yes	Yes(insur)	Yes(16)	No	n/a	-			1997
Georgia	Yes	Yes	Yes(16)	No	n/a	-			1993
Hawaii	Yes	No	Yes(16)	No	n/a	-			2001
Idaho	Yes	No	No	No	-	-			
Illinois	No	No	No	No	4.00	-	Adult messengers, 16,17 yo		2002
Indiana	Yes	No	No	No	-	-			
Iowa	No	No	No	No	-	-			
Kansas	Yes	No	No	No	1.00	-	16		2004
Kentucky	Yes	No (21+)	No	No	-	-	Parks under 18, Skate Parks All		2002
Louisiana	Yes	Yes	Yes(12)	No	-	-			2002
Maine	Yes	No	Yes(16)	No	-	-			1999
Maryland	Yes	Yes	Yes(16)	No	n/a	1.00	one county under 18		1995
Massachusetts	Yes	Yes	Yes(17)	No	n/a	-	pass under 5		2004
Michigan	Yes	Yes	No	No	3.00	1.00	15,16,18		1999
Minnesota	Yes	No	No	No	-	-			
Mississippi	Yes	Yes	No	No	-	-			
Missouri	Yes	Yes	No	No	4.00	1.00	16,17,18		2006
Montana	Yes	No	No	No	1.00	-			2001
Nebraska	Yes	Yes	No	No	-	-			
Nevada	Yes	Yes	No	No	2.00	-	17		2002
New Hampshire	No	No	Yes(16)	No	n/a	-			2006
New Jersey	Yes	Yes	Yes(17)	No	n/a	-			2005
New Mexico	Yes	No	No	No	1.00	-	18		2005
New York	Yes	Yes	Yes(14)	No	4.00	3.00	Pass under 5		2004

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North Carolina	Yes	Yes	Yes(16)	No	n/a	2.00			2001
North Dakota	Yes	No	No	No	-	-			
Ohio	Yes	No	No	No	20.00	1.00	Shaker Heights, all over 5		2004
Oklahoma	Yes	No	No	No	1.00	-	OKC, city property only		2003
Oregon	Yes	Yes	Yes(16)	No	n/a	-			1994
Pennsylvania	Yes	No (21+)	Yes(12)	No	n/a	-			1995
Rhode Island	Yes	No (21+)	Yes(16)	No	-	-			1998
South Carolina	Yes	No (21+)	No	No	-	-			
South Dakota	Yes	No	No	No	-	-			
Tennessee	Yes	Yes	Yes(16)	No	n/a	1.00			2000
Texas	Yes	Yes(insur)	No	No	8.00	1.00	Adult in Dallas		1999
Utah	Yes	No	No	No	-	-			
Vermont	Yes	Yes	No	No	-	-			
Virginia	Yes	Yes	No	No	29.00	-	14/15		2001
Washington	Yes	Yes	No	No	7.00	29.00			2003
West Virginia	Yes	Yes	Yes(15)	No	3.00	1.00			1996
Wisconsin	Yes	No	Yes(17)	No	n/a	-			1997
Wyoming	Yes	No	No	No	-	-			

Note, this is a first run-through of comparing the various laws using available sources immediately available (1/27/07)

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