

# BIKE HELMETS

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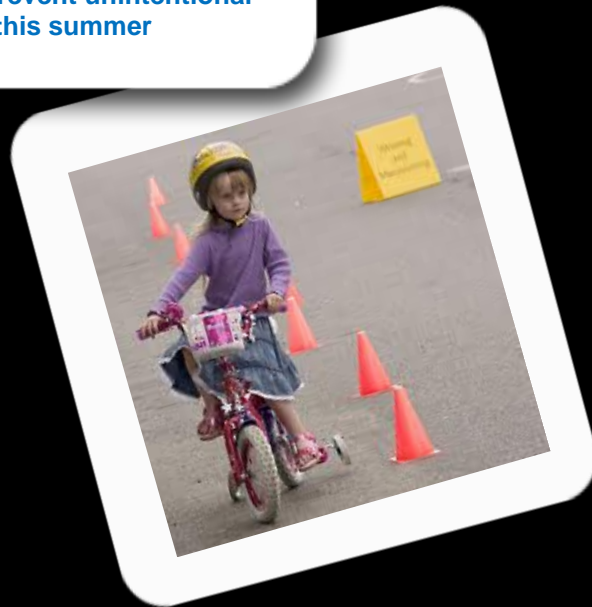


**A great way to prevent unintentional injuries this summer**

Any person violating the provisions of this section of the BDMC (Black Diamond Municipal Code) shall be guilty of a civil infraction, and conviction thereof, shall be punished by imposition of a monetary penalty of not more than seventy-five dollars. Community service hours may be imposed in addition to or in lieu of monetary penalties.

Any person under the age of eighteen riding a bicycle, including a passenger on a bicycle or a person in tow of a bicycle, upon any public area, shall wear an approved bicycle helmet, which shall be worn over the head and equipped with either a neck or chin strap that shall be fastened securely while the bicycle is in motion.

The guardian of a child is responsible for requiring that the child under his or her care wears an approved bicycle helmet while bicycling, or riding as a passenger on a bicycle or in tow of a bicycle, in any public area, and that the child has the neck or chin strap of the helmet fastened securely. Each child not wearing a secured strap shall be considered a separate offense chargeable to the parent or guardian.



Whether you ride your bike, inline skate or scooter for recreation or transportation, you should wear a helmet. While helmets can't prevent crashes and falls, they do help reduce the risk of head injury and long term brain damage by up to 88%. In fact, if all bicyclists wore helmets, one death could be prevented every day and one head injury would be prevented every four minutes!