



## Helmet Laws

State	Bicycle	Motorcycle
<b>Alabama</b>	Under 16	All riders
<b>Alaska</b>	---	Under 18; passengers of all ages and operators under 18, and operators with learner's or instructional permits
<b>Arizona</b>	---	Under 18
<b>Arkansas</b>	---	Under 21
<b>California</b>	Under 18	All riders
<b>Colorado</b>	---	Under 18 and passengers under 18
<b>Connecticut</b>	Under 16	Under 18; covers operators with learner's or instructional permits
<b>Delaware</b>	Under 18	Under 19; operators and passengers must carry an approved helmet
<b>D.C.</b>	Under 16	All riders
<b>Florida</b>	Under 16	Under 21**
<b>Georgia</b>	Under 16	All riders
<b>Hawaii</b>	Under 16	Under 18
<b>Idaho</b>	---	Under 18
<b>Illinois</b>	---	<i>No law currently exists</i>
<b>Indiana</b>	---	Under 18
<b>Iowa</b>	---	<i>No law currently exists</i>
<b>Kansas</b>	---	Under 18
<b>Kentucky</b>	---	Under 21; covers all operators with instructional/learner's permits**
<b>Louisiana</b>	Under 12	All riders
<b>Maine</b>	Under 16	Under 18; covers all operators with instructional/learner's permits, all operators within the first year of licensure, and passengers under 18 and those riding with operators who are required to wear a helmet
<b>Maryland</b>	Under 16	All riders
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Under 17*	All riders
<b>Michigan</b>	---	Under 21***
<b>Minnesota</b>	---	Under 18; covers all operators with instructional/learner's permits
<b>Mississippi</b>	---	All riders
<b>Missouri</b>	---	All riders
<b>Montana</b>	---	Under 18
<b>Nebraska</b>	---	All riders
<b>Nevada</b>	---	All riders
<b>New Hampshire</b>	Under 16	<i>No law currently exists</i>
<b>New Jersey</b>	Under 17	All riders
<b>New Mexico</b>	Under 18	Under 18
<b>New York</b>	Under 14*	All riders
<b>North Carolina</b>	Under 16	All riders



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<b>North Dakota</b>	---	Under 18 and passengers of operators under 18
<b>Ohio</b>	---	Under 18 and passengers of operators under 18; covers all operators in the first year of licensure
<b>Oklahoma</b>	---	Under 18
<b>Oregon</b>	Under 16	All riders
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Under 12	Under 21; Pennsylvania's motorcycle helmet law covers all operators during the first two years of licensure unless the operator has completed a state safety course or Motorcycle Safety Foundation safety course
<b>Rhode Island</b>	Under 16	Under 21; covers all operators in the first year of licensure, and all passengers
<b>South Carolina</b>	---	Under 21
<b>South Dakota</b>	---	Under 18
<b>Tennessee</b>	Under 16	All riders
<b>Texas</b>	---	Under 21****
<b>Utah</b>	---	Under 21
<b>Vermont</b>	---	All riders
<b>Virginia</b>	---	All riders
<b>Washington</b>	---	All riders
<b>West Virginia</b>	Under 15	All riders
<b>Wisconsin</b>	---	Under 18; covers all operators with instructional/learner's permits
<b>Wyoming</b>	---	Under 18
<b>Total (Incl. D.C.)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20/48</b>
Universal Law/Universal + Partial Law		

\*Prohibits transportation of children under 1 on a bicycle.

\*\*Permits riders 21 and older to ride without a helmet if they can provide proof that they are covered by a medical insurance policy.

\*\*\*Permits riders 21 and older to ride without a helmet if they can provide proof of medical insurance policy and completion of a motorcycle training and safety course, or have had their motorcycle endorsement for at least two years.

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