

**CASCADE BICYCLE CLUB
HELMET LEGISLATION POLICY**

Helmet use is encouraged as a safety measure for all cyclists. Policies on helmet use should be equally applied to all age groups. Prior to establishing mandatory bicycle helmet use legislation, Cascade Bicycle Club strongly recommends the following conditions be met:

- A recognized standard must be specified.
- An effective, statewide educational program promoting bicycle helmet use must be in operation.
- A program for free or reduced price bicycle helmets for people meeting income eligibility requirements must be implemented statewide.
- Establish a statewide enforcement program which addresses traffic law violations by bicyclists that are most likely to lead to a serious accident of collision.

Cascade Bicycle Club does not support legislation if it shifts liability from the person causing the accident to a helmet-less cyclist.

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