

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR FOR 4-H MEMBERS/YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN BICYCLE ACTIVITIES

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POLICY

Effective immediately all participants* (who have not reached their 21st birthday as of January 1 or who are current 4-H members) in any 4-H bicycle activity in West Virginia must wear approved ANSI or SNELL bicycle helmets. An ANSI or SNELL sticker inside the helmet guarantees the helmet is the quality you need for protection. Participants must have the chin strap fastened. Check with local authorities for policies which may supersede this policy.

POLICY APPLICATION

1. The brand, selection, approval, use, fit, and standards of the bicycle helmet shall be determined for 4-H members/youth by the parent or guardian.
2. All 4-H members/youth in any bicycle events at local, county, district, and/or state levels shall wear the protective headgear.
3. Persons who are over 21 years of age taking part in 4-H sponsored bicycle events are *strongly encouraged* but not required to wear protective headgear.
4. Failure to comply will result in being disqualified from further participation in the event.
5. County Extension faculty are responsible for communicating the policy to the appropriate clientele, and enforcing the policy.

*All persons (youth) who have not reached their 21st birthday as of January 1, or who are current 4-H members.