

| State                | Motorcycle helmets                              | Does the motorcycle helmet law cover all low-power cycles?   |
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| Alabama              | all riders                                      | yes  |
| Alaska               | 17 and younger <sup>1</sup>                     | yes  |
| Arizona              | 17 and younger                                  | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc, brake horsepower greater than 1 1/2, or can attain speeds greater than 25 mph are covered by the motorcycle helmet law   |
| Arkansas             | 20 and younger                                  | yes  |
| California           | all riders                                      | yes  |
| Colorado             | 17 and younger and passengers<br>17 and younger | yes  |
| Connecticut          | 17 and younger                                  | yes  |
| Delaware             | 18 and younger <sup>2</sup>                     | all low-power cycles defined as a moped or triped if the operator is 17 or younger; bicycle helmet acceptable for motorized scooter  |
| District of Columbia | all riders                                      | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc, brake horsepower greater than 1 1/2, or can attain speeds greater than 30 mph are covered by the motorcycle helmet law   |
| Florida              | 20 and younger <sup>3</sup>                     | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc, brake horsepower greater than 2, or can attain speeds greater than 30 mph and all low-power cycles operated by those 15 and younger are covered by the motorcycle helmet law |
| Georgia              | all riders                                      | all low-power cycles are covered by the motorcycle helmet law except bicycle helmets are acceptable for electric assisted bicycles   |
| Hawaii               | 17 and younger                                  | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc, brake horsepower greater than 2, or can attain speeds greater than 30 mph are covered by the motorcycle helmet law   |
| Idaho                | 17 and younger                                  | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc, brake horsepower greater than 5, or can attain speeds greater than 30 mph are covered by the motorcycle helmet law   |
| Illinois             | no law  | no law   |
| Indiana              | 17 and younger                                  | yes  |
| Iowa                 | no law  | no law   |

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| Kansas        | 17 and younger              | all low-power cycles except electric assisted bicycles are covered by the motorcycle helmet law   |
| Kentucky      | 20 and younger <sup>4</sup> | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc, brake horsepower greater than 2, or can attain speeds greater than 30 mph are covered by the motorcycle helmet law  |
| Louisiana     | all riders                  | yes   |
| Maine         | 17 and younger <sup>5</sup> | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc or more than 1,500 watts are covered by the motorcycle helmet law  |
| Maryland      | all riders                  | yes<br>all low-power cycles designed to travel at speeds exceeding 35 mph, scooters with with engine displacement greater than 50cc or brake horsepower greater than 2.7 and mopeds with an engine displacement greater than 50cc or brake horsepower greater than 1.5 are covered by the motorcycle helmet law |
| Massachusetts | all riders                  | yes   |
| Michigan      | 20 and younger <sup>6</sup> | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc or can attain speeds greater than 30 mph and all low-power cycles operated by those 18 and younger are covered by the motorcycle helmet law  |
| Minnesota     | 17 and younger <sup>7</sup> | yes   |
| Mississippi   | all riders                  | yes   |
| Missouri      | all riders                  | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc, brake horsepower greater than 3, or can attain speeds greater than 30 mph are covered by the motorcycle helmet law  |
| Montana       | 17 and younger              | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc, brake horsepower greater than 2, or can attain speeds greater than 30 mph are covered by the motorcycle helmet law  |
| Nebraska      | all riders                  | yes   |
| Nevada        | all riders                  | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc, brake horsepower greater than 2, or can attain speeds greater than 30 mph are covered by the motorcycle helmet law  |
| New Hampshire | no law                      | no law  |
| New Jersey    | all riders                  | yes   |

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| New Mexico     | 17 and younger               | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc or can attain speeds greater than 30 mph are covered by the motorcycle helmet law                                       |
| New York       | all riders                   | all low-power cycles designed to travel at speeds of 20 mph or greater are covered by the motorcycle helmet law  |
| North Carolina | all riders                   | yes  |
| North Dakota   | 17 and younger <sup>8</sup>  | yes  |
| Ohio           | 17 and younger <sup>9</sup>  | yes  |
| Oklahoma       | 17 and younger               | all low-power cycles are covered by the motorcycle helmet law except bicycle helmets are acceptable for electric assisted bicycles operated by those 18 and younger                        |
| Oregon         | all riders                   | yes  |
| Pennsylvania   | 20 and younger <sup>10</sup> | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc, brake horsepower greater than 1 1/2, or can attain speeds greater than 25 mph are covered by the motorcycle helmet law |
| Rhode Island   | 20 and younger <sup>11</sup> | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc, brake horsepower greater than 4.9 or can attain speeds greater than 30 mph are covered by the motorcycle helmet law    |
| South Carolina | 20 and younger               | yes  |
| South Dakota   | 17 and younger               | yes  |
| Tennessee      | all riders                   | yes  |
| Texas          | 20 and younger <sup>12</sup> | all low-power cycles, except motor assisted scooters with an engine displacement less than 40cc, are covered by the motorcycle helmet law  |
| Utah           | 20 and younger               | yes  |
| Vermont        | all riders                   | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc, brake horsepower greater than 2, or can attain speeds greater than 30 mph are covered by the motorcycle helmet law     |
| Virginia       | all riders                   | all low-power cycles operated at speeds greater than 35 mph or with an engine displacement greater than 50cc are covered by the motorcycle helmet law                                      |

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| Washington    | all riders                   | yes   |
| West Virginia | all riders                   | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc, brake horsepower greater than 2, or can attain speeds greater than 30 mph are covered by the motorcycle helmet law                          |
| Wisconsin     | 17 and younger <sup>13</sup> | all low-power cycles designed to travel at speeds exceeding 30 mph or a Type 1 motorcycle with an automatic transmission with an engine displacement greater than 50cc are covered by the motorcycle helmet law |
| Wyoming       | 17 and younger               | all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50cc, brake horsepower greater than 2, or can attain speeds greater than 30 mph are covered by the motorcycle helmet law                          |

<sup>1</sup>Alaska's motorcycle helmet use law covers passengers of all ages, operators younger than 18, and operators with instructional permits.

<sup>2</sup>In Delaware, every motorcycle operator or rider age 19 and older must carry an approved helmet.

<sup>3</sup>In Florida, the law requires that all riders younger than 21 years wear helmets, without exception. Those 21 years and older may ride without helmets only if they can show proof that they are covered by a medical insurance policy.

<sup>4</sup>In Kentucky, the law requires that all riders younger than 21 years wear helmets, without exception. Those 21 and older may ride without helmets only if they can show proof that they are covered by a medical insurance policy. Motorcycle helmet laws in Kentucky also cover operators with instructional/learner's permits.

<sup>5</sup>Motorcycle helmet laws in Maine cover operators with instructional/learner's permits and operators in their first year of licensure. Maine's motorcycle helmet use law also covers passengers 17 and younger and passengers riding with operators who are required to wear a helmet.

<sup>6</sup>In Michigan, the law requires that all riders younger than 21 wear helmets, without exception. Those 21 and older may ride without helmets only if they carry additional insurance and have passed a motorcycle safety course or have had their motorcycle endorsement for at least two years. Motorcycle passengers who want to exercise this option also must be 21 or older and carry additional insurance.

<sup>7</sup>Motorcycle helmet laws in Minnesota cover operators with instructional/learner's permits.

<sup>8</sup>North Dakota's motorcycle helmet use law covers all passengers traveling with operators who are covered by the law.

<sup>9</sup>Ohio's motorcycle helmet use law covers all operators during the first year of licensure and all passengers of operators who are covered by the law.

<sup>10</sup>Pennsylvania's motorcycle helmet use law covers all operators during the first two years of licensure unless the operator has completed the safety course approved by PennDOT or the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

<sup>11</sup>Rhode Island's motorcycle helmet use law covers all passengers (regardless of age) and all operators during the first year of licensure (regardless of age).

<sup>12</sup>Texas exempts riders 21 or older if they can either show proof of successfully completing a motorcycle operator training and safety course or can show proof of having a medical insurance policy. A peace officer may not stop or detain a person who is the operator of or a passenger on a motorcycle for the sole purpose of

determining whether the person has successfully completed the motorcycle operator training and safety course or is covered by a health insurance plan.

<sup>13</sup>Motorcycle helmet laws in Wisconsin cover operators with instructional/learner's permits.