



Alloway Township School

Home of the Tigers

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Chief School Administrator

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the fall of 2017, we had our insurance adjustor and a risk control director conduct a traffic study at Alloway Township School. One of the findings from their study pertains to enforcing the State's helmet law for students who ride to school. Please be aware that as a school, we are to enforce New Jersey's Helmet Law. The law states that anyone under 17 years of age must wear a safety helmet. Compliance with the Helmet Law is inherent with the privilege of riding to school. Thank you for your cooperation with making bicycling safe. If obtaining a helmet presents you with a financial hardship, please reach out to me as we partner with the Sheriff's Office to ensure financial hardship does not prevent compliance.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KSchell".

Kristin Schell

Helmet Law Title 39:4-10.1

In New Jersey, anyone under 17 years of age that rides a bicycle or is a passenger on a bicycle, or is towed as a passenger by a bicycle must wear a safety helmet.

On August 1, 1998 this helmet law was extended to include roller and inline skates and skateboards. Roller skates means a pair of devices worn on the feet with a set of wheels attached, regardless of the number or placement of those wheels and used to glide or propel the user over the ground.

The definition of bicycle with reference to the helmet legislation is a vehicle with two wheels propelled solely by human power and having pedals, handlebars and a saddle-like seat. The term shall include a bicycle for two or more persons having seats and corresponding pedals arranged in tandem.

All helmets must be properly fastened and fitted. Bicycle helmets must meet the federal standards developed by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) effective March 10, 1999 that ensure the best head protection and strong chin straps to keep the helmet in place during a fall or collision. Also acceptable are helmets meeting the Snell Memorial Foundation's 1990 Standard for Protection Headgear.

Exemptions from the helmet requirement are persons who operate or ride a bicycle (as a driver or a passenger) on a roadway closed to motor traffic; on a trail, route, course, boardwalk, path or area set aside only for the use of bicycles. These exemptions do not apply if the areas of operation are adjacent to a roadway and not separated from motor vehicle traffic by a barrier that prevents the bicycle from entering the roadway. Bicyclists or passengers operating in an area where helmets are not required who need to cross a road or highway should *walk* with the bicycle.

Initial violators of the helmet law will receive warnings. For minors, the parent or legal guardian may be fined a maximum of \$25 for the 1st offense and a maximum of \$100 for subsequent offense(s), if lack of parental supervision contributed to the offense.