



# LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Bicycle Helmets Protect Our Children

Lincoln Police Officers are continuing to see a large number of children riding bicycles and skateboards to school and around town without helmets in violation of our California Vehicle Code. Please remember that this law is in place to protect our children in the event of an accident.

Please remember that helmets are required by law:

- ✚ *Section 21212 of the California Vehicle Code requires all persons under the age of 18 years of age to wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet that meets the standards of either the American Society for Testing and Materials or the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission when operating a **bicycle, non-motorized scooter, skateboard, or while wearing in-line or roller skates** upon a street, bikeway, or other public bike path or trail.*

We all need to work together to insure that our children are wearing their protective helmets. Parents -- please provide your children with approved bicycle helmets and make sure they wear them properly. The first fine for not wearing a helmet can cost \$108 – and future fines increase for additional citations for the same offense! If you cannot afford proper gear, the Lincoln Police Department offers free helmets to children through a helmet program sponsored by the Lincoln Police Activities League.

School is back in session, and that means our children will be traveling back and forth to school on their bicycles, skateboards, skates etc. in high traffic areas. Let's insure that our children are as safe as possible while they are traveling to and from school. We want them to have a safe enjoyable school year.

Sincerely,

Kevin Klemp, Traffic Division Sergeant