# SAFE Does your helmet fit properly? Take the Helmet Fit Test



**Eyes:** Put the helmet on your head. Look up. You should see the bottom rim of the helmet.





**Ears:** Make sure the straps form a 'V' under your ears when buckled. The straps should be a little tight but comfortable.



**Mouth:** Open your mouth as wide as you can. Does the helmet hug your head? If not, tighten the straps.

## Now you're ready to roll!

### **SAFE Le queda su casco ajustado adecuadamente?** Haga la Prueba de Ajuste del Casco





**Ojos:** Coloque el casco en su cabeza y observe. Usted debe poder ver la parte baja de la armadura del casco.





**Orejas:** Asegúrese que las correas una vez abrochadas formen una "V" por debajo de sus orejas. Las correas deben estar cómodamente apretadas.





**Boca:** Abra su boca tanto como pueda. ¿Siente la presión del casco? Si no es así, apriete las correas.

## ¡Ahora si puede rodar!



### **Rules of the Ride**

Learn the hand signals that should be used to alert drivers and fellow wheeled sport riders of your actions:



#### Left Turn

Extend your left arm out straight from your side.



#### **Right Turn**

Extend your left arm out from your side, bent at a 90-degree angle at the elbow, hand pointing upward and the palm of your hand facing forward.

Another option is to put your right arm straight out from your side.



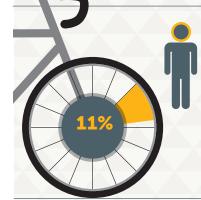


#### Stopping or slowing

Extend your left arm out from your side, bent at a 90-degree angle at the elbow, hand pointing downward and the palm of your hand facing backward.

### **Kids and Wheeled Sports Safety**

**Every hour, nearly 50 children** visit emergency departments with an injury related to **bikes, scooters, skates or skateboards.** 



Serious head injuries (concussions, internal injuries and fractures) made up 11% of ED visits across the four wheeled sports. Fractures to the shoulder, arm, elbow, wrist or hand were the most frequent diagnoses for hospital admissions.

19%

19% of hospital admissions for **scooter injuries** to children in 2015 were because of a **head injury**.

Almost 40% of parents of children ages 5-14 years indicated that their child did not always wear a helmet when participating in one of the four wheeled sports.

Among parents who say they **always wear a helmet** when riding a bike, 86% say their child also does. However, among parents who say they **never wear a helmet**, only 38% say their child always does.



Reasons why parents report their children do not always wear a helmet:

47% Parents think area is safe/View child as experienced/Don't see helmets as necessary.

27% Child finds helmet uncomfortable. Why no helmet? 24% Other kids don't wear one. 22% Child thinks helmets aren't cool.

#### **Top Tips to Keep Kids Safe on Wheels**

- All riders should wear a properly-fitted helmet. It is the best way to prevent head injuries and death.
- Ensuring correct fit of a helmet can increase comfort and use.
- Knee pads and elbow pads are recommended for scooters, skaters and skateboarders. Wrist guards are also recommended for skaters and skateboarders.

