



Notice of violation - Saint Louis County Ordinance, Section 602.600

Officer: _____ DSN _____ STLCOPD or _____
(Police Department)

Date: _____ Time: _____ Type (circle one): Bicycle; Scooter; Skateboard; Roller Blades; In-line Skates

Location _____ Muni./City _____

Name of Juvenile: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____

Per Ordinance (Section 602.600), Operators and Passengers Are to Wear Helmets: It is against the law for a parent or guardian to permit a child between the ages of one (1) and seventeen (17) years to operate or be a passenger on a bicycle, scooter, roller skates, roller blades, or skateboard unless the child is wearing protective headgear which properly fits and is fastened securely upon the head of the operator or passenger. The headgear shall meet or exceed the impact standard for protective helmets set by the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the Snell Memorial Foundation, or the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM).

Violators of this ordinance may be prosecuted; however, a *warning* may be issued instead of a citation. Repeat offenders will be fined \$10 and have to pay Saint Louis County Court costs.

(Information about how to get a helmet if you cannot afford one can be found on the back.)

Why are children required to wear safety helmets in Saint Louis County?

Helmets do a great job protecting children’s brains ... and unlike scrapes and broken bones, injured brains don’t heal.

What does “properly fits and is fastened securely upon the head” mean?

- The helmet should be low and level on the head.
- The chin strap should be in contact with the skin and fastened.

For more information about how a helmet should fit, please visit the website at the bottom of the page.

What if someone lives in a city or municipality with its own helmet law?

Some cities and municipalities already have helmet laws that are stricter than the county ordinance. In such cases, people must obey the stricter law. To learn more about existing municipal helmet laws, either call your local city hall or visit the website for the Saint Louis County Department of Health located at the bottom of the page.

How much does a helmet cost that “meets impact standards”?

Many discount stores sell helmets for less than \$15. If possible, the child who will be wearing the helmet should be allowed to pick it out. Children are more likely to wear their helmets if they like them.

What if someone cannot afford to buy a helmet?

Free helmets are available at several locations throughout the county. For more information on free helmets, please call **(314) 615-0600** or visit the following website:

www.StLouisCo.com/DOH

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