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## THE ORDINARY HELMET

Have you ever been injured from falling off your bike because you were not wearing a helmet? In Scotch Plains, we have so many cops and crossing guards that do not give out tickets. That's why I think that kids under the age of 17 should be penalized for not wearing a helmet. Wearing a helmet encourages safety, it promotes positive relationships within the community, and teaches kids independent responsibility.

One of the reasons that wearing a helmet helps you is because it promotes safety. When I fell off my bike I flipped over the handlebars, my two front teeth fell out and I fractured my jaw. Luckily I was wearing a helmet. If I was not, I would have gotten a serious head injury. Another reason is that it protects your head if you fall. Finally, it influences younger kids to wear a helmet. If they see you wearing it they will wear it to. Yes I get it you won't look cool in a helmet but it will keep you safe. When they are riding they want to act all cool, but if they fall off their bike in front of all their friends then they will look like a fool instead of cool. In conclusion, wearing a helmet promotes safety because if you fall off it will protect your head.

Another reason you should wear a helmet is because it teaches independent responsibility in the community. One reason that wearing a helmet teaches independent responsibility is that you automatically put your helmet on rather than having to get told by your parents. A second reason is not giving into unintentional peer pressure. For example, your friends come over without helmets on, but knowing right from wrong the person chooses to wear a helmet. My final reason why it teaches independent responsibility is because you are being a positive role model to younger kids. Yes, I understand that some kids are lazier than others, but those kids who are lazier than others should be encouraged by their parents to wear a helmet. In conclusion, it teaches independent responsibility by automatically putting your helmet on, not giving into unintentional peer pressure, and being a role model to younger kids.

My final reason to wear a helmet is because it promotes positive relationships within the community. One reason is if a person is walking with their child and sees you wearing a helmet they will most likely wave. For example, I got stopped by a police officer for not wearing a helmet. So unless you want a ticket, wear a helmet. Also, parents will see you as a good and responsible kid by wearing a helmet. Finally, it teaches independent responsibility by not getting a ticket, parents thinking you are a good kid, and parents waving at you for wearing a helmet.

In conclusion, you should wear a helmet because it promotes safety, teaching independent responsibility, and promotes positive relationships within the community. I am going to cover why you should wear it and the consequences involved. I am suggesting kids should wear a helmet. Wear a helmet or get a penultimate.