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Motorcycle Helmets

[Florence, WI] –

More than 5,500 motorcyclists died on our nation's roads in 2020 and another 180,000 were treated in emergency departments related to crashes. The economic costs of the injuries and deaths are also significant according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). According to the CDC, helmets reduce the risk of head injury by almost 70%.

In Wisconsin, current law, requires those 17 and younger to wear a helmet on all low-power cycles with an engine displacement greater than 50 cc, brake horsepower greater than 2 or ability to attain speeds greater than 30 mph. Helmets saved an estimated 1,872 lives in the United States in 2017. If all motorcyclists would have worn helmets, 749 lives could have been saved and countless more saved from head injuries. Motorcycle crash deaths are costly to both the rider and our economy. To provide the best protection, it is recommended that all ages wear a helmet and be safe!

Florence County Health Department can be reached at 715-528-4837, located in the Courthouse at 501 Lake Avenue or visit our website at <http://www.florencecountywi.com/>. The health department is located on the second floor, 501 Lake Avenue in the Florence County Courthouse, open Monday through Thursday and by appointment. Need health insurance? Visit access.wi.gov to see if you qualify for benefits.

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