



Centers for Disease Control
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Atlanta GA 30333

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James G. Titus,
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Dear Mr. Titus:

Thank you for your inquiry expressing your concern about the information the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) disseminates to the public related to the safety and effectiveness of bicycle helmets.

We agree that, as diligent stewards of public trust, CDC has a responsibility to share accurate, up-to-date, and complete health and safety information with the public via all of our communication channels, including the CDC website. After receiving your comments, CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) reviewed the bicycle safety and helmet use-related information on the CDC website. Based on this assessment, CDC has made a number of updates to the website, including removing outdated information, updating statistics, and adding information highlighting the importance of properly fitting helmets. Additionally, to ensure we continue to provide the most up-to-date information, NCIPC is in the process of developing a web page on bicycle-related injuries and deaths, which will contain information about current statistics and prevention strategies. NCIPC will maintain this web page, providing updated statistics as they become available. We anticipate that this web page will be available online in the near future.

Thank you again for your letter and for bringing this issue to our attention. We appreciate your commitment to bicycle safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurie F. Beck".

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