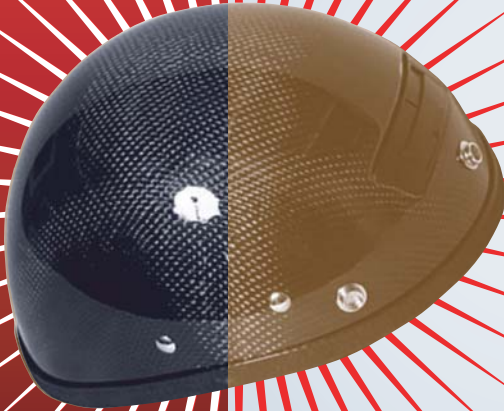


# BOGUS HELMETS



*What You  
Know  
Could Save  
Your Life!*

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in cooperation with the  
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# Statistics

*You are more likely to die in a motorcycle collision if you are wearing a bogus helmet than if you don't wear a helmet at all.*

*- Southern California  
Injury Research  
Prevention Center*



Per mile driven, a motorcyclist is 16 times more likely to die in a crash than an automobile driver.



Annual medical care costs in California were \$35,000,000 less two years after implementing a mandatory helmet law.



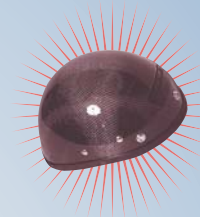
Taxpayers are picking up the bill. Harborview Medical Center found in one year that motorcycle crashes cost \$2.7 million, and 63% of that cost was paid by public funds. (1% was paid by motorcyclists.)



Washington repealed its helmet law for a period in the late 1970's. During that time, motorcycle deaths increased 124%.



Once Washington's law was re-enacted, motorcycle fatalities dropped by more than 50%, and severe head injuries dropped by almost 60%.



*It's your head,  
we thought you  
should know.*



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