

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems



## Bike Safety Resource Update: 2021-2022

	MHSO Bike Helmet Safety Grant This project is funded by MHSO to distribute bike safety educational information and bike helmets for all ages through Safe Kids Coalitions & Community Partners.
BE SEEN 8 Be See	An indoor-outdoor instructional tool was created in spring 2020 with the "Right Fit" directions on a large magnet that can be placed in key locations at home, school, and community locations. These magnets are to be distributed with helmets as a "just in time" reminder.
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The project works with 15 different coalitions & community partners to distribute over 3500 bike helmets across Maryland. Some are distributed in hospital EDs after a crash, some are distributed at health & safety events, some are distributed during a 'drive through' COVID-19 safe health safety event, and some are distributed in the community when a child is found without a bike helmet.
900 Bike Helmets are again funded for the FY2022 year starting in July 2021 (child, youth and adult sizes). The commitment is that in-person and written instructions be provided with each helmet. A NEW laminated checklist is available for distribution (see front of this handout). Fitting and instruction take approximately in 5 minutes.



**NEW**: The Bike Safety project has a six foot tabletop display kit that includes <u>Bike</u> <u>Helmet Fit</u>, <u>Be Seen and Be Safe</u> and <u>Brain Functions</u> metal signs and educational handouts. These kits are located with 15 Safe Kids Coalitions and Community Partners as well as participating trauma centers. There are a few more available for those involved in bike safety community education.