SUPER SAFE COMICS

FEATURING CAPTAIN SUPER SAFE!

IN HELMETS PROTECT YOUR BRAIN!
Connecticut Children’s is the region's only academic medical center dedicated exclusively to the care of children. Here, we never mistake children for adults. All children receive the very best care from medical professionals who always keep in mind, the mind of a child. It's this kind of focus that makes Connecticut Children's a different kind of hospital.

The Injury Prevention Center (IPC) was founded in 1990 and has become one of the premier institutions researching how and why children and youth suffer injuries, and what can be done to prevent them. Engaging community partners in these efforts is the key to successful injury prevention. All childhood injuries share two characteristics. The first is that injuries are predictable and therefore preventable. The second is that despite easy availability, measures to prevent most childhood injuries are too often not used. The IPC is working to dispel the myth that nothing can be done to prevent "accidents" and violence, as well as implementing effective strategies to prevent them.

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OUR STORY BEGINS AS THREE KIDS GET OFF THEIR BIKES TO PLAY AT THE PLAYGROUND.

SOMEONE IS WATCHING.
WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SAD, KIDS?

We came back to our bikes and all of our bike helmets are gone!

What can we do?

I guess we’ll have to ride home without helmets.
NOT SO FAST. YOU ALL KNOW THAT YOU NEED A HELMET TO KEEP YOU SAFE.

YOU CAN FEEL THAT YOUR HEAD IS HARD. SEE THIS IS YOUR SKULL. YOUR SKULL FORMS A HARD BUT THIN WALL OF BONE PROTECTING YOUR BRAIN.

FEEL THIS BRAIN.
SEE, IT'S SOFT AND COULD BE EASILY HURT.
That's okay. I broke my arm once and the doctor fixed it. If I fall off my bike and hit my head and my brain gets hurt she could probably fix my brain, too.

YOU CAN'T FIX A BRAIN. ONCE IT'S HURT IT STAYS HURT THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

I guess we better find those helmets!
Let's see if we can solve this mystery!

I better throw this in the trash. I'll be right back.
WELL, WHAT'S GOING ON, BENNY?
MAYBE NOW YOU WANT TO TELL ME SOMETHING.
Captain Super Safe, those kids all have bikes and I don't have one!

Is that why you took their helmets and put them in the trash?
Come on, I think you should tell your friends how you feel and what you did.

Won't they be mad?

Maybe, but they will feel much better once you tell them where their helmets are and why you took them. Besides, they are your friends. Tell the truth and tell them how sorry you are.
Guys, I took the helmets. I put them in the trash.

I don’t have a bike and you guys do. My mom can’t get me one because, well, because she’s saving up for it.

Benny, you can use my old bike until you get one of your own. Why didn’t you say something before?

I felt funny about it. I’m really sorry that I took those helmets.
Ok, Benny, let's go to my house and get my old bike.

WAIT A MINUTE, BENNY! AREN'T YOU FORGETTING THIS?

Thanks, Captain Super Safe!
BE SUPER SAFE! WEAR YOUR HELMET WHEN ON YOUR BIKE! MAKE SURE IT FITS JUST RIGHT!

too far forward  too far back  it's level, just right!

Only one finger should fit between your chin and the chin strap.

Shake your head. If your helmet stays on tight, the fit is right.

Tips for parents on Bicycle helmet use:

• In Connecticut all children under the age of 16 must wear a bicycle helmet while riding a bike. It's the law.

• Bicycle helmets should meet CPSC and ATSM standards. Check the label inside the helmet before you purchase it.

• Always replace a helmet after a crash.

• Finally, wearing a helmet could save your child's life.

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