

Spring Lake Police Department Cracks Down on Helmet Safety

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The Spring Lake Police Department is firmly committed to keeping the youth of our community safe and injury free through the vigorous enforcement of the bike helmet safety law. We believe the philosophy of the law begins at home. Ideally, parents beginning the education process at home, with their children, will assist us tremendously in our enforcement efforts when children are away from the home.

The Spring Lake Police Department utilizes different methods of enforcement. These begin with verbal warnings and escalate to actual summonses being issued, where a child would have to appear in court with a parent. The most common enforcement practice is to confiscate a bike for a period of time and notify a parent. The method of enforcement would depend upon the violation observed and the history of the youth committing the violation. This practice extends to skateboarders and roller-bladers as well.

To get the word out, police officers also make periodic visits to our schools as well as attend Cub Scout meetings and other events where children affected by the helmet law congregate.

The intent of this education and enforcement policy is to get maximum compliance from the youth of our community, thereby making Spring Lake a safer town for our kids.

To expand our efforts, the Spring Lake Police Department has partnered with the Edison based Brain Injury Association of New Jersey on their multimedia helmet safety awareness campaign, Brainy Bunch. We plan to continue educating the Spring Lake community on the importance of wearing a helmet for both children *and* adults.