I'M NOT BREAKIN' THE LAW IF I DON'T WEAR A HELMET ON MY SCOOTER OR MOTORCYCLE.

Columbia City Ordinance Section 12-528 specifies that helmets are required on all drivers AND passengers of any motorcycle, moped, motor scooter, and motor bike on any city street, alley, or path within the city limits of Columbia. **You can be stopped and ticketed for not wearing a helmet!**

It’s for your own good! According to the CDC, an unhelmeted rider is 40% more likely to die from a head injury (2011). MUPD Officer Jennifer Lynch agrees: “A helmet will protect your head and face during a crash and you are much more likely to suffer a serious head injury if you crash and are not wearing a helmet. And you might not get as many bugs in your teeth if you’re wearing a helmet!”

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation says “You hope you never have to ‘use’ your helmet, just like you hope you won’t ever have to ‘use’ the seatbelt in your car. But crashes do happen. We can’t predict when or what kind they will be.” No matter how short the distance, you can never predict when an accident may happen. **Always wear your helmet.**

**BOTTOM LINE:** Wear your helmet. It’s the law. And it could mean your life.

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