Many stores sell combination packages including both Helmets and Pads

Buying A Helmet

You can find one at any discount store... Starting as low as $10.00.

What's wrong with this picture?

For more info:
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Department of Emergency Medicine
593 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 444-2685

Consumer Product Safety Commission
Phone: 1(800) 638-2772
Website: www.cpsc.gov

Quick Safety Checklist

Anytime you get on a scooter, you should:

☐ wear a helmet that has the CPSC label inside

☐ use knee and elbow pads

☐ ride only in daylight

☐ avoid riding on the street

☐ stay away from sand, gravel, water, and dirt

☐ check to make sure that the handle bars and steering column are firmly locked in place and that all nuts and bolts are tightly secured

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The RI Chapter of The American College of Emergency Physicians

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Last year alone, there were tens of thousands of scooter injuries treated in emergency departments.

There have been deaths of both children and adults while riding scooters.

Almost 90% of the injuries treated in emergency rooms were to children under the age of fifteen. About 25% were to children under the age of eight.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that more than half of all scooter injuries could have been prevented or less serious if helmets, knee pads and elbow pads had been worn.

Helmets should be worn by: bicycle riders, skateboarders, roller skaters, inline skaters, and scooter riders.

A scooter is a great gift idea for your five-year old. Children younger than eight years-old should not be riding scooters without close adult supervision.

Handlebars make scooters easy to control.

Handlebars often give riders a false sense of security. In fact, it can be very difficult to steer a scooter away from danger.

Scooter injuries are bound to happen and cannot be prevented.

More than 60% of injuries could be prevented or less severe if every scooter rider wore protective gear.

It is safe for two people to ride on the same scooter.

“Doubling” up while riding a scooter is very dangerous and may result in serious injury.

Low-friction wheels make scooters perfect for riding down steep hills.

It is easy to lose control of your scooter when riding downhill. Always step off and walk the scooter down instead.

Make Sure That Your Helmet Fits...

- Wear the helmet flat on top of your head. Make sure it is not tilted at an angle.
- Make sure that the helmet does not block your view of what’s around you.
- Always pull the chinstrap so that it fits you snugly. Test the buckle by pulling on it and making sure that it stays fastened.

- Don’t let the helmet tilt to one side.
- Don’t let the helmet slide from front to back.
- Don’t let the helmet slide from side to side.

Be sure that the helmet is certified by the Consumer Products Safety Commission. There should be a CPSC label inside.