



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITION NO.

PE01679

Name of petitioner

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Petition title

Cycle helmets in Scotland

Petition summary

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to introduce legislation or a national information campaign to ensure people wear helmets when cycling in Scotland.

Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting the petition

I have been in contact with Miles Briggs MSP and Jamie Greene MSP to try to resolve this issue. They have both agreed there is no legislation for this currently and would like to support me with this petition.

Petition background information

As a citizen and regular cyclist in Scotland, in particular where I live in the City of Edinburgh, I am shocked at the amount of people (of all ages) that I see cycling without a helmet. I feel strongly that this is a basic requirement of protection when on a bike. As an anaesthetist, I have seen people with devastating head injuries as a result of cycling accidents. The Guardian released an article (2016) stating "A major study of bike helmet use around the world from more than 64,000 cyclists has found helmets reduce the risks of a serious head injury by nearly 70%".

Moving forward where, in the City of Edinburgh there will be further developments of the tram lines and services which we know pose risks to cyclists, I feel that the introduction of legislation or a national information campaign will help reduce the amount of fatal head injuries to cyclists.

Unique web address

<http://www.parliament.scot/GettingInvolved/Petitions/cyclehelmets>

Related information for petition

Do you wish your petition to be hosted on the Parliament's website to collect signatures online?

YES

How many signatures have you collected so far?

0

Closing date for collecting signatures online

05 / 01 / 2018

Comments to stimulate online discussion

Do you agree that legislation or a national information campaign is required to ensure that people wear helmets when cycling in Scotland?

What, in your view, are the benefits of wearing helmets when cycling in Scotland?