





Mandatory safety equipment for cyclists

		 		additional requirement or limitations
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Belgique / België	BE			We recommend the use of fluorescent jacket (MDA vests in schools by the Secretary of State) and helmets for cyclists.
България (Bulgaria)	BG			
Česká republika	CZ	*	yes **	* Recommended; ** Mandatory for cyclists < 18 years, recommended for others
Danmark	DK			
Deutschland	DE			
Eesti	EE	*	**	* Wearing of helmet and reflecting garments recommended **Use of helmets by cyclists under 16 years old are coming into force on 1 January 2011.
Ελλάδα (Elláda)	EL			
España	ES		yes *	* Only outside build up areas. Not compulsory in case of high temperature or long upward slopes
France	FR	yes *		* Outside urban areas at night or when visibility is poor (for driver & passenger)
Éire/Ireland	IE			
Island	IS		yes *	* Mandatory for cyclists < 15 years
Italia	IT	yes	no	* Extraurban areas and in cases of poor visibility (i.e.tunnel)
Κύπρος (Κυπρος) / Kibris	CY			
Latvija	LV	*	*	* Recommended
Lietuva	LT	yes*	**	* Only at night time or during poor visibility ** Recommended for people over 18 years
Luxembourg	LU			
Magyarország	HU	yes *		* Bicyclists (driving a bicycle or pushing it) shall wear such garment on roads outside built up areas at night-time and at restricted visual conditions
Malta	MT	yes *	**	* In the darkness; ** Recommended
Nederland	NL		*	* Recommended
Norge	NO			
Österreich	AT		yes*	* for children below the age of 12
Polska	PL			
Portugal	PT			
România	RO		*	* Recommended
Schweiz / Suisse / Svizzera	CH			
Slovenija	SI		yes	
Slovensko	SK			Helmet mandatory everywhere for cyclists under 15 years. Outside urban areas helmet mandatory for cyclists older than 15 years. Reflective materials mandatory for cyclists when visibility is reduced
Suomi / Finland	FI	yes *		* All cyclists, everywhere and always (however, no enforcement)
Sverige	SE	yes *		* Mandatory for cyclists < 15 years
United Kingdom	UK			

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