

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 29-A: MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**  
**Chapter 19: OPERATION**

**§2083. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR**

**1. Requirement.** The following persons must wear protective headgear:

- A. If under 18 years of age, a passenger on a motorcycle or moped or in an attached side car; [ 2017, c. 51, §1 (AMD). ]
- B. If under 18 years of age, an operator of a motorcycle or moped; [ 2017, c. 51, §2 (AMD). ]
- C. An operator of a motorcycle or moped, operating under a learner's permit or within one year of successfully completing a driving test; and [ 2017, c. 51, §3 (AMD). ]
- D. A passenger of an operator required to wear headgear. [ 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF). ]

[ 2017, c. 51, §§1-3 (AMD) . ]

**2. Compliance.** An operator of a motorcycle or moped or a parent or guardian may not allow a passenger under the age of 18 years to ride in violation of this section.

[ 2017, c. 51, §4 (AMD) . ]

**3. Standard.** Protective headgear must conform with minimum standards of construction and performance as prescribed by the American National Standards Institute specifications Z 90.1 or by the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218.

[ 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) . ]

**4. Public program.** In furtherance of reasonable protective public policy, the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Highway Safety must develop and implement a public information and education program designed to encourage helmet utilization by all motorcycle and moped riders.

[ 2005, c. 577, §33 (AMD) . ]

**5. Violation.** Violation of this section is a traffic infraction.

[ 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) . ]

**SECTION HISTORY**

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