

**1200 Office of Highway Safety**

**1206 Approved Motorcycle Helmets and Eye Protection**

**1.0 Types of Approved Helmets.**

- 1.1 Pursuant to 21 Del.C., §4185, the types of helmets approved by the Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security are ones that:
  - 1.1.1 Meet or exceed the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218 Standard located at 49 Code of Federal Regulations Section 571.218; and meet the following Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 218, labeling requirements.
  - 1.2.1 Each helmet shall be labeled permanently and legibly, in a manner such that the label(s) can be read easily without removing padding or any other permanent part, with the following:
    - 1.2.1.1 Manufacturer's name or identification.
    - 1.2.1.2 Precise model designation.
    - 1.2.1.3 Size.
    - 1.2.1.4 Month and year of manufacture. This may be spelled out (e.g., June 1988), or expressed in numerals (e.g. 6/99).
    - 1.2.1.5 The symbol DOT, constituting the manufacturer's certification that the helmet conforms to the applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard. This symbol shall appear on the outer surface, in a color that contrasts with the background, in letters at least three-eighths inch (one centimeter) high.
  - 1.2.2 Each helmet shall include the following information for the purchaser:
    - 1.2.2.1 Shell and liner constructed of (identify type(s) of materials).
    - 1.2.2.2 Helmet can be seriously damaged by some common substances without damage being visible to the user. Apply only the following: (Recommended cleaning agents, paints, adhesives, etc., as appropriate.)
    - 1.2.2.3 Make no modifications to the helmet. Fasten helmet securely. If helmet experiences a severe blow, return it to the manufacturer for inspection, or destroy it and replace it.
    - 1.2.2.4 Any additional relevant safety information should be included at the time of purchase by means of an attached tag, brochure, or other suitable means.
    - 1.2.2.5 If a motorcycle helmet meeting the above federal requirements is equipped with an electronic device for transmitting sound, the speaker portion affixed to the helmet, must not enter or completely block the ear canals.

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**2.0 Approved Types of Eye Protection**

- 2.1 Pursuant to 21 Del.C., §4185, the types of eye protection approved by the Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security are as follows:
  - 2.1.1 Any type of goggles or glasses with protective lenses. Protective lenses are those that at least cover the orbital bone of the eye. This excludes contact lenses; or
  - 2.1.2 A face shield.

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**3.0 Reaffirming original eye protection requirement.**

This Regulation reaffirms the original approval for eye protection, as issued by the Motor Vehicle Division on July 11, 1968.

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