



8 of 10 want helmet rule for all riders

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New Delhi: Eight out of 10 persons said the law on mandatory wearing of helmet should cover all two-wheeler riders and this should be enforced strictly, but more than half admitted not wearing one while riding. Nearly three-fourths of respondents in a survey conducted across nine cities admitted that they had ridden pillion on two-wheelers without helmet.

The study, carried out by Exide Life Insurance in Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Patna and Lucknow, found that about 30% of re-

NEED 'ISI CERTIFIED' HELMET

	Driven without helmet	Pillion without helmet	Reason for not wearing helmet
Kolkata	74.4	86.2	Comfort 31%
Delhi	58	82.9	Comfort 36%
Mumbai	55	63	Less danger for pillion 24.2%
Chennai	72.6	78.3	Habit & less danger for pillion rider 25% each
Bangalore	58	84	Comfort 36%
National	56.8	74.1	Comfort 29.4

Note: Figures are in %

Source: Survey by Exide Life Insurance

spondents cited "discomfort" as the main reason for not wearing helmet. A little over

one-fifth said they didn't wear helmet because of "habit" and another 16% said law

did not require mandatory wearing of helmet.

Contrary to the perception of a certain section of people, the government has made it mandatory for everyone riding a motorised two-wheeler to wear an 'ISI certified' helmet for safety. The proposed amendments in the Motor Vehicle Act provides for mandatory wearing of helmet for children above four years as well considering that a person meeting with an accident has 40% more chance of survival, if he/she is wearing a proper helmet and it is fastened.

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