

Marks Remarks by Mark Rowen Lincoln County Educator 5-12-09

Area schools are getting out and the children will be riding bicycles, skateboards, scooters, etc on the sidewalks and streets. The general driving public needs to be aware of this. It becomes the responsibility of the child's parent to insure a good environment by providing safety gear including an approved helmet, for bicycles or scooters. Cyclist must also observe all driving laws just like cars, this includes the signs like STOP, YIELD, SLOW etc.

The safety gear for skateboarding includes elbow pads, wrist guards, knee pads, good shoes, and a helmet. Skateboard riding may only be done in approved areas. If an area is not available, parents can purchase or construct small ramps etc for skateboarding at home. These items are available on the commercial market as well. Use these items on your own property only, not in the street or sidewalk. Remember, the sidewalk has "public use" status.

Think safety at all times, imagine "WHERE WOULD YOU BE WITHOUT IT." For information on this and other topics contact the Extension office at 764-2756.