



Protective Helmets for Children with Special Needs

Protective helmets are designed to be worn only by children who are likely to hurt themselves because of seizures, falls, or other behaviors. Remember:

- a. Only use a protective helmet for the purpose intended by the manufacturer.
- b. Do not put a bike helmet on a child's head to replace what a protective helmet is designed to do and do not put a protective helmet on a child's head to replace what a bike helmet is supposed to do.
- c. When you use any helmet for something other than what it is designed for, you may actually cause more injury than prevent injury.

Some manufacturers that provide protective helmets for children with special needs are listed below.

This list is not an endorsement of these manufacturers but is intended only as a starting point for information.

	Protective Headgear	
Danmar Products	Variety of custom fit specialty helmets for people with disabilities as well as athletes.	800-783-1998 Website: http://www.danmarproducts.com
Epilepsy Ontario	Helmets for both children and adults. Their products may protect people with epilepsy, poor balance, autism, and many other disabilities from head injury.	(905) 764-5099 Website: http://epilepsyontario.org Email: info@epilepsyontario.org
Plum Enterprises Inc.	Protective headgear for toddlers through adults that need head protection for various reasons including head injury, surgery, and seizures.	800-321-PLUM Website: http://www.plument.com/index.htm
Flaghouse	Variety of adapted helmets for children and adults with special needs.	800.793.7900 or 201.288.7600 Website: http://www.flaghouse.com Email: sales@flaghouse.com

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The **Heads Up Program** is an on-going partnership between the Riley Safety Store and the Riley Hospital for Children Occupational Therapy Department at Indiana University Health. During a scheduled clinic appointment, therapists select and properly fit a protective helmet to a child's head. Then, when parents go to the Riley Safety Store, they are able to purchase at low cost a protective helmet that is the correct size for their child. For more information, visit the Riley Safety Store or call 1.888.365.2022 (toll-free).

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