

RISK COMMUNIQUÉ

Football Players: Helmet Inspection List

1. Check helmet fit for agreement with manufacturer's instructions and procedures.
2. Examine shell for cracks and replace any that have cracked. **DO NOT USE A HELMET WITH A CRACKED SHELL.**
3. Examine all mounting rivets, screws, Velcro and snaps for breakage, distortion, and/or looseness. Repair as necessary.
4. Replace face guards that have become misshapen, causing shell distortion and/or looseness. **REPAIR AS NECESSARY.**
5. Replace jaw pads when damaged. Check for proper installation and fit.
6. Examine chinstrap for proper adjustment, and inspect to see if it is broken or stretched out of shape; also inspect the hardware to see if it needs replacement.
7. Check webbing for tears in threads, stretching, or pulling away at rivet locations.
8. If crown webbing is adjustable, check that crown rope is properly adjusted and is tied tightly using a square knot.
9. Check interior padding for proper placement and good condition.
10. Check foam padding for proper placement and no obvious deterioration.
11. Check for cracks in vinyl/rubber covering of air foam, liquid padded helmets.
12. Check that protective system or foam padding has not been altered or removed.

PLAYERS: Inspect your particular style of helmet prior to each usage.

NEVER WEAR A DAMAGED HELMET.

If any of the above inspections indicate a need for repair and or replacement, notify the proper authority. This is your responsibility!

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