

Experts aim to cut down on number one killer of young teens

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PORT CHARLOTTE: The fight to keep kids safe on bikes continued in Port Charlotte Wednesday. The Charlotte County Health Department gave out 60 new bicycle helmets to kids after the building's grand opening.

Officials we spoke to say head injuries related to biking, roller blading and skateboarding remain the number one cause of death for children under 17-years-old.

In addition to the free helmets, children could ride through an obstacle course designed to sharpen their skills.

"What we're teaching them today is bicycle safety, rules of the road, how to operate their bikes in a safe manner so then they'll feel safe and comfortable when they're out on the road," said bicycle safety instructor Earl Lang

Florida state law requires children 16 and younger wear a helmet when riding a bike.

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