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- C. A police officer observing a person operating or riding as a passenger on a bicycle, in-line skates, roller skates, scooter, unicycle or skateboard without the required helmet, in violation of this section, may stop and detain such person for the purpose of establishing identity and issuing an appropriate warning or citation.
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1. If a **child** in violation of this chapter is **11 years of age or younger**, any **citation issued shall be issued to the parent, legal guardian, or adult with custody or temporary custody**, rather than to the child.
 2. If a **child** in violation of this chapter is **at least 12 years of age and is under 16 years of age**, a **citation may be issued to the child or to the parent, legal guardian, or adult with custody or temporary custody**.
- B. The court may waive, reduce or suspend the civil penalty and clear the civil infraction as a warning for a person who has not been cited under this chapter within the previous one-year period from the date of the current infraction and provides proof that he or she has acquired an approved helmet at the time of appearance in court.



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