

Write a response to the following article:

Using a Helmet Actually Increases Risk-taking...!!!

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Humans are funny creatures. We go to great lengths to prolong our lives and prevent injury, from taking multivitamins to wearing bicycle helmets. Yet, as this study shows, these same behaviors actually make us feel so invulnerable that we take more risks than we would otherwise. Here, the researchers showed that even people NOT riding bicycles were more likely to take risks if wearing a helmet rather than a baseball cap. Not only that, but they take risks that would not be made safer by wearing the helmet (e.g., risking money in a video game). A similar study found that people who had taken fat-burning exercise were more likely to want to eat junk food. Maybe we all should rethink a balance between chancing a risk and using the protective gear for that risk factor.

Answer:

Funny Human Nature: a Reaction to “Using a Helmet Actually Increases Risk-taking...!!!”

It is just to agree with an apparently surprising but logically realistic claim stated in the article titled “Using a Helmet Actually Increases Risk-taking...!!!”, published in the online magazine *Discover: Science for the Curious* in its “Seriously Science” section on 15 March 2023, with a hope that understanding this issue will help to increase our overall safety.

The article exposes a funny yet serious side of human psychology that taking protective measure in a case actually makes people inwardly provoked to take more risk in the same case that logically lessens the effectiveness of the protective measure taken.

I hope, the result of the study stated in the article will make us aware so that we can control that inward provocation of taking more risk while having protective measure and increase the effectiveness of the protective gears to stay safe.

Human psychology is a real fun indeed!