

Bethany College Football Helmet Warning

The football helmet issued to you from Bethany College has a warning label(s) attached inside and/or outside the shell which reads as follows:

Warning: No helmet can prevent all head or neck injuries a player might receive while participating in football. Do not use this helmet to butt, ram or spear an opposing player. This is a violation of the football rules, and such use can result in severe head or neck injuries, paralysis or death to you and possible injury to your opponent.

On some helmets the warning may read as follows:

Warning: No helmet can prevent all head or neck injuries a player might receive while participating in football. Do not use this helmet to butt, ram or spear an opposing player. This is a violation of the football rules and can result in severe head, brain or neck injury, paralysis or death to you and possible injury to your opponent.

There is a risk these injuries may also occur as a result of accidental contact without intent to butt, ram or spear. **NO HELMET CAN PREVENT ALL SUCH INJURIES. YOU USE THIS HELMET AT YOUR OWN RISK.**

The equipment issued to you shall not be modified by you in any way. Any potential modifications to your protective equipment must be brought to the attention of the Athletic Training Staff in advance. This includes adapting or exchanging helmets, shoulder pads, and adding or deleting neck rolls.

Each player should inspect his helmet daily before use. The check should include, but is not limited to, examining the foam padding for proper placement and deterioration; looking for cracks in vinyl/rubber covering of the air and foam cells; checking all rivets, screws Velcro and snaps to assure they are properly fastened and holding protective parts; examining the shell for cracks particularly noting any cracks around holes; inspecting the face guards to see if bare metal is showing, if there is broken weld or if the guard is grossly misshapen.

If the inspection indicates any need for repair and/or replacement, notify the Athletic Training staff and/or your equipment manager immediately. Do not use the helmet until it has been repaired and/or cleared for use by the Athletic Training Staff.

I, _____ (Print Name), have read the above and foregoing football helmet warning and understand the statements therein.

Signature of Student Athlete: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Coach or Witness: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent (if Athlete is under age 19): _____ Date: _____

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