

No Helmet, No Problem?

Part 3

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Likewise, many Thai motorcycle drivers, youngsters included, routinely take to the sidewalks to avoid traffic congestions on roads, thereby endangering the lives of pedestrians. As if that wasn't bad enough, numerous Thai youths engage in high-speed road races with frequently lethal consequences.

Thai traffic police tend to turn a blind eye to all such infractions. Their negligence serves as an incentive to motorists to break the law and risk lives in the process, including their own. "If you can easily get away with breaking the law, why bother about keeping it?" the thinking goes. In fact, many police officers themselves break the law by driving on sidewalks, often without a helmet.

Are the statements true or false?

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| 1 Motorcyclists routinely avoid pedestrians on footpaths. | _____ |
| 2 Thai youths' high-speed road races rarely result in death. | _____ |
| 3 Thai police usually ignore traffic infractions. | _____ |
| 4 Police negligence causes motorists to keep within the law. | _____ |
| 5 Police officers never break traffic laws themselves. | _____ |