A bicycle helmet should be snug, level, and stable on your head and cover most of your forehead before any adjustments are made. Place the helmet on your head, and without buckling the chin strap, shake your head to see if it shifts from side to side.

- If the helmet moves a lot, it’s too loose and either needs to be tightened with pads or the ring at the back and base of the helmet, OR you need a smaller helmet.
- If your forehead isn’t covered, you probably need a larger helmet.

Now make adjustments by picking the method easiest for you to remember:

**EYES, EARS, AND MOUTH OR 2x2x2**

Either way, the bottom line is that your helmet needs to fit properly to do its job of protecting your brain if you crash.

**EYES (2)**

With the helmet level on your head, you should see the very edge or rim of your helmet when you look up past your eyebrows. This is about 2 finger widths above your eyebrow.

**EARS (2)**

The straps should meet and form a “V” right under each ear lobe. To check, form a “V” with 2 fingers around your ear.

**MOUTH (2)**

Once the straps are adjusted in a “V,” buckle them. The straps should be snug, but not too tight. Adjust until you can put no more than 2 fingers between the strap and your chin.