



Daniel Flanzig interviewed by Channel 11 News

A decade ago, Mayor Bloomberg sent smokers packing, banishing them from bars and restaurants to sidewalks. Then he began his campaigns to reign in trans fats and downsize sodas. Even as the Mayor continues to promote bike use in the city — which includes a brand new bike sharing program — the administration remains reluctant to require bike renters to wear a helmet.

Lenox Hill Hospital Emergency Department Chair Dr. Yves Duroseau says his staff sees at least a few bicycle related head injuries — involving riders without helmets — every week.

Over the last several months, the Bloomberg Administration has offered different explanations defending its position on helmet, including the growing use of dedicated bike lanes and a drop in bike share ridership in cities where helmets are required.

Because there is no law on the books requiring adults to wear helmets, and bike share renters sign an iron clad waiver before taking their rig off the rack, **personal injury attorney and avid cyclist Dan Flanzig** doesn't think the city faces any legal exposure.

But **Flanzig** says there is another way to make helmets more accessible.

*“I think what a good practice should be, and what other cities are starting to do, is to have portable vending machines at or near bike share locations, that a cyclist who doesn't have a helmet readily available can walk over to that vending machine can rent or buy a helmet”, **Flanzig said.***