



## RDA Australia – Acceptable Helmet Standards (August 2021)

The following standards are accepted for using with RDA Centres:

Standard	Logo	Accepted?
Current Australia New Zealand Standard 3838 Marked SAI Global		✓
Current Australia New Zealand Standard ARB HS 2012 (Racing Helmets) Marked SAI Global		✓
Current American Standard ASTM F1163 Provided they are marked SEI		✓
Current American Standard SNELL E2001		✓
Current British Standard PAS 015 BSI Kitemarked (Logo may vary year to year- example only)		✓
European Standard VG1.040: 2014-12 (May be abbreviated as 'VG1' on helmet label)	New helmets may carry both EN1384 & VG01.040	✓
Old European Standard 1384	<b>EXPIRED</b>	✗

Equestrian helmets have manufacturers guarantee of effective use for a limited time of **5 years from the date of manufacture**. It is best practice to purchase helmets as close to manufacture date as possible, some helmets will sit in stores for years before purchase.

If a helmet sustains a hard knock (e.g., from being dropped onto a concrete floor) or a rider falls and hits their head, the helmet can lose its shock absorbing capacity and must be disposed of immediately, even if the lining looks completely unscathed.

Helmets that are disposed of must not be sold as they are no longer deemed suitable under industry standard. Chin strap/ harness must be removed to prevent re-use.