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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY GUIDE

HOW TO AVOID BEING SERIOUSLY INJURED IN A MOTORCYCLE CRASH



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Ride Safe: Get the Facts

- There are over 4 million motorcycles registered in the U.S.
- Approximately 80% of reported motorcycle crashes result in injury or death.
- Motorcycle fatalities represent 5% of all highway fatalities each year.
- Motorcyclists are 35 times more likely to be involved in a deadly accident than those in passenger cars.
- 11% of all roadway accidents that occur in the United States involved motorcycles.
- A motorcyclist not wearing a helmet is 40% more likely to die of a head injury than one who wears a helmet.
- In 2010, 29% of fatal motorcycle accidents involved riders with a blood alcohol level above the legal limit of .08

Motorcycle Safety Tips You Need to Know

- **Attend a Motorcycle Training Course:** If you are a new rider, it's important to understand how to operate a motorcycle before getting on one. In fact, more than half of all motorcycle crashes involve riders with fewer than five months of experience. Even if you are an experienced rider, it's important to brush up on your safety tips and there are even some perks involved! Did you know some insurance providers offer a discount on motorcycle insurance after completion of a certified motorcycle safety course? This discount can range from 5 - 20% depending on your provider! In addition to discounts, many states will waive a section of your

motorcycle exam if you have taken and successfully completed one of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation training courses. *Take a course today by visiting: <http://msf-usa.org>*

- **Never Ride Without a Helmet:** Purchase a helmet with the DOT logo to ensure that it complies with DOT requirements. Helmets should be worn even in states where it is legal to not wear one!
- **Keep Your Distance:** Give the other vehicles on the road room to make quick decisions. They may not see you right away if you follow too closely. If you see a car swerving, never try to pass them.
- **Never Ride Between Lanes or Side-By-Side With Another Motorcyclist:** Did you know it is illegal to ride between lanes? Always ride in a separate lane or at a safe distance away from the other motorcyclist.
- **Wear the Proper Protective Clothing:** Basic personal protective gear includes: a high, close collar, insulated suit or windproof outer layer, thermal undershirt or layered clothing, insulated gauntlet gloves or heavy gloves with liners, heavy boots with insulation. Reflective gear such as bright colored clothing should also be worn.
- **Always Be Aware of Your Surroundings:** Make sure you check the weather and road conditions before heading out. Slippery roads make stopping quickly difficult for motorcycles and you run the risk of your back tire sliding out if you stop suddenly. Keep your

distance from other vehicles. Construction areas are also culprits for loose gravel and stones on roadways. Go slow in construction zones.

- **Learn the Proper Use of Your Brakes:** Did you know there is a brake ratio of 70% braking effort on the front wheel (which uses the hand lever on the right grip), and 30% to the rear (which is operated by the right foot pedal)? This ratio can vary by the type of bike, however. Front brakes require more effort because weight transfer from slowing down will shift the bike's balance from the rear wheel to the front, enabling the front tire to handle more load. When there is less downforce on the rear tire, it becomes much easier to lockup and slide that wheel, resulting in loss of control. The front is much less likely to slip because of the weight that is transferred to that end.
- **Know Basic Maintenance Tips:** Learn basic maintenance tips so you can conduct a safety check on your bike on a regular basis. A motorcycle needs to be maintained and checked for safety more often than a car.

Sources: about.com, msf-usa.org, NHTSA, motorcycleaccident.org

If you or a loved one has been seriously injured in a motorcycle crash due to a defective part or a negligent driver, contact us today for a free consultation.

A RECENT CASE RESULT*

Motorcycle Accident \$250,000

Our client was a passenger on her husband's motorcycle. They were just a few miles from home in Dutchess County, New York, when the defendant ran a stop sign and crashed into the side of their Honda Gold Wing. The bike was destroyed, and our client suffered multiple fractures to her leg that required surgery and hardware insertion to repair. This case settled before trial.



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