

MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC SAFETY

A motorcycle is only as safe as its operator.

The safe rider will spend much time learning to ride and developing his riding skills in an uncongested area before venturing into traffic.

1. In many motorcycle traffic accidents, the automobile driver does not see the motorcyclist in time to avoid an accident. The motorcyclist can make other motorists more aware of his presence by:
 - * Wearing brighter, more visible clothing.
 - * Using the headlight anytime while riding.
 - * Avoiding the "blind spot" of other vehicles and driving defensively.
2. Many motorcycle accidents occur at intersections, parking lot entrances and exits, and driveways. The motorcyclist must show extra caution at these locations.
3. Excessive speed is a factor in many motorcycle accidents. Obey the speed limits and NEVER travel faster than conditions warrant.
4. Many motorcycle accidents involve inexperienced riders. A new motorcyclist should thoroughly familiarize himself with his motorcycle before attempting to ride on public roads. NEVER lend your motorcycle to an inexperienced rider.
5. Most motorcycle accident fatalities are due to head injuries. The motorcyclist should ALWAYS wear a helmet. He should also wear other protective apparel including eye protection, boots, gloves, and heavy clothing.