

Top 10 Things that save the day for

# Motorcycle Riders



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## Rider Training Classes

Always better to learn from senior rider experiences than to learn some hard lessons yourself.



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## Waterproof Riding Gear

Sensible people know, wetness of all kinds speaks danger. ☹️ Wear waterproof Riding Gear during rains to keep your concentration intact.



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## Long Pants

To simply put it, only the roasted chicken legs look fine. Wear Long pants to save yourselves from engine heat and some bruises if you end up in gravel.



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## Riding Jacket

Trust us, the shoulder, elbow and back protectors that come with riding jackets can save you from years of agony in case of a crash. Be sensible, wear a proper riding jacket.



## Riding Boots

They are protective, visible at night with their reflective linings, supremely comfortable as compared to your usual shoes for long rides and yes they look supercool too.

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## Armour

Yeah! wear one, feel like a gladiator and survive a crash like a hero. Stop being a show off, it's a matter of your own skin and bones!



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## Brain

This, you desperately need to carry around everywhere with you. Use your brain to make sure you are safe for you yourself and for other road users too. Be Mature, Use Your Brain!!

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## Helmet



Think closely, helmets are the best sunscreen, dust repeller, moisturizer, thing on the planet, it is basically all the makeup stuff you need, and yes it saves your life too. WEAR ONE, Spread the word!

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## Riding Gloves



Alongwith looking super 'Darth Vader-ish' cool, riding gloves make sure that your hand remains in place should you chose to fall down from your bike and they also save you from the atrocities of the weather.

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## Eye Protection



Good eyes let you look at beautiful things! Wear Eye protection to save your eyes from, strong winds, dust and dirt during your ride.

## Improving Your Chances of Being Seen

It is important to remember that as a motorcyclist you have a relatively small profile. Statistics show that one in three motorists don't notice motorcycles around them, so you should do everything you can to increase your road profile. Always ride in a lane position that gives you a good view of the road ahead and the flexibility to react to the unexpected. Remember the driver of an automobile, truck or SUV has a large blind spot, and your bike is relatively small.

## Lane Sharing

Cars and motorcycles require a full lane to operate and maneuver safely. Lane sharing between a car and a motorcycle is usually prohibited. In some cases, lane sharing between two motorcycles may be allowed by law but is never recommended.

As a motorcyclist, riding between rows of stopped or moving cars is illegal in Missouri.

## Road Hazards

Some adverse road conditions affect you much more on a motorcycle than in a car. Mud, sand, water and other foreign debris on the road take special handling. Wherever possible, you should avoid these hazards by planning a route around them. If that's not possible, slow down and avoid directional or speed changes as you ride through the hazard.

## Riding With a Passenger

Riding with a passenger makes balance and control of your bike a greater challenge. Make sure your passenger is wearing proper riding gear, knows where and how to sit, where to put their feet and hands and how to lean through turns. Tell them to look over your shoulder in the direction of the turn. Remember the passenger is your responsibility and should be properly educated, prepared and ready to ride.

## Alcohol

Alcohol is a major contributor to motorcycle crashes nationwide, particularly fatal crashes. Studies have shown that 40 to 45 percent of all fatal motorcycle crashes involve the use of alcohol. Motorcycle operators involved in fatal crashes had higher intoxication rates than any other type of motor vehicle driver.\*

\* Fatal Analysis Reporting System, National Highway Traffic Safety



35% of motorcycle drivers killed were either **unlicensed** or **improperly licensed**.



38% of motorcycle drivers killed were **speeding**.



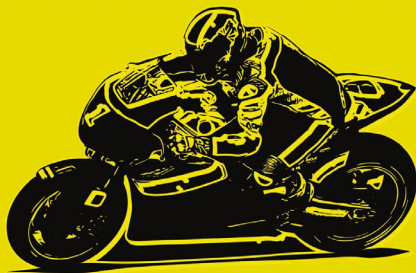
24% of motorcycle drivers killed were **substance-impaired**.



In addition to the tragic loss of life and impact to individual families, crashes result in an annual economic loss in Missouri totaling nearly **\$9.9 million** per fatality.

(U.S. DOT).

## WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES



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Professional training can keep you safely on the road enjoying your motorcycle for years to come.

Whether you're a new rider or someone with years of experience, it's important to receive proper training before riding a motorcycle. Research has shown that more than 90 percent of all riders involved in crashes were either self-taught or taught by friends.

### Riding Skills

Regardless of your age, motorcycle safety courses are an excellent way to learn basic and advanced vehicle control and crash-avoidance skills. The Missouri Motorcycle Safety Program (MMSP) offers Motorcycle RiderCourses® for both beginners and experts. To locate an approved course near you, contact the MMSP at (800) 801-3588, or visit its web site at [www.mmmsp.org](http://www.mmmsp.org).

### Earning Your License

In Missouri, motorcyclists must complete and pass a written test and a riding test before obtaining a Class M license or M endorsement. (In most cases, you can avoid the riding test by passing a Motorcycle RiderCourse® from the MMSP.) All licensing issues are handled by the Missouri Department of Revenue. For licensing information, visit [www.dor.mo.gov](http://www.dor.mo.gov).

## Motorcycle Safety Being Seen & Staying Safe on Motorcycles



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