



National
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MOTORCYCLIST SAFETY



MOTORCYCLISTS SHOULD...

5,286 Number of motorcyclists
killed in roadway crashes
in 2016

MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES OCCURRED NEARLY
28 times more frequently
THAN PASSENGER CAR OCCUPANT FATALITIES
IN CRASHES (per vehicle miles traveled in 2016)

37% of motorcyclists killed in single vehicle
crashes in 2016 were alcohol impaired.
Motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2016
had the **HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ALCOHOL-
IMPAIRED DRIVERS** than any other vehicle types.

Data source: NHTSA

Gear up—all the gear, all the time.
And ensure your passengers do, too!

**Purchase bikes with collision avoidance
technology.** Antilock braking systems
can reduce the risk of a crash.

Take a motorcycle training class. Whether you are a
beginner, intermediate or advanced rider, motorcycle
safety courses are available at every level.
These courses can provide the basics, but also will
improve your skills and offer new techniques to
improve the quality and safety of your ride.

Ride sober! You can drink responsibly... You can ride
responsibly... You can't drink and ride responsibly.

Let's all work together to **ensure motorcyclist safety**

Motorcycles made up 3% of all registered vehicles in the United States in 2016 and accounted for only 0.6% of all vehicle miles traveled. Per registered vehicles, the fatality rate for motorcyclists in 2016 was **SIX TIMES THE FATALITY RATE** for passenger car occupants. In 2016, motorcyclist fatalities increased more than 5% over 2015.

OTHER MOTORISTS MUST...

Be aware of motorcycles. Take special care to identify and acknowledge their presence.

Minimize all distractions—especially cell phone use.

Hands-free is not risk-free!

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