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Motorcycle Safety - Share the Road



May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. It's warm outside, and people are enjoying their motorcycles. To some, there's nothing better than the open road. But safety has to be top of mind -- to both motorcyclists and automobile drivers. Both have to watch out.

Motorcycle Safety Tips

Stunts are for experts -- While some roads may look easy, riders require a lot of practice before they can take on challenging hairpin turns safely.

Take a motorcycle safety course -- The course will teach you about the traffic laws that apply to bikes in your state, how to react to emergency situations on a bike and will give you the opportunity to try out your new experiences in a controlled environment.

Safety Check before you roll -- Before each ride, do a swift walk-around to make sure your horn, light and directional signals are working correctly. Check the belt, chain or shaft and the brakes. Check the tires for wear and make sure they are set at the proper pressure.

Speed limits exist for a reason -- Make sure to remain within that limit to dodge dangers.

Avoid bad weather -- The dangers of icy or wet roads multiply when you're on two wheels.



Sharing the Road with Motorcycles

Beware your blind spots -- Motorcycles are smaller than cars so they can be even more difficult to see when turning or switching lanes.

Slow down behind motorcycles --

brand new, you must do a basic inspection before each motorcycle trip and go for regular checks even if you are not using it as much.

Always wear a helmet -- It is a law in North Carolina. Pick a full-face helmet that is approved by DOT (Federal Government's Department of Transportation) for the best protection.

Wear the right riding gear -- The gear you wear should provide you with protection from the elements, wind chill, debris, flying bugs and road rash.

Ride defensively -- YOU have to be aware of other drivers even more since you're now much smaller and more easily lost in their blind spots.

Install anti-lock brakes on your bike -- Anti-lock brakes (ABS) give a biker full control of the bike's steering when they break abruptly, preventing the bike from rolling or skidding.

Respect all traffic laws on the road -- Most of the accidents that occur on roads are the result of reckless driving and disregard of traffic rules.

Make sure you have had enough sleep and that you are in a good mood, free of any stress and just very happy about going on the road trip. Plan your motorcycle rides only when you are in a positive physical and mental state.

Information Source: www.bookmotorcycletours.com

cars, and can be much more sensitive to changes on the road. Motorcycles can also maneuver much faster than cars can, so slow down to make sure you have time to react.

Don't tailgate -- Giving yourself room will give you time and space to react if the motorcyclist makes a quick, unexpected turn.

Dim your headlights -- High beams are more blinding for motorcyclists.

Be careful taking left turns -- Be aware of motorcycles on the road and how fast they are going if you are turning. Left turns can be particularly dangerous due to your blind spots.

Information Source:
www.insuramatch.com

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