

Safety Tip

Motorcycle Awareness Month

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Safety Office reminds you that Spring & Summer bring ideal conditions for riding motorcycles and May is Motorcycle awareness month.



Here are a few ways to keep Motorcycle Safety Awareness at the top of mind this month.

Motorcycle Safety for Car Operators/Drivers

1. Keep motorcycles in mind

Motorcycles are significantly smaller than standard automobiles. A **driver's view** of a motorcycle can often be **obstructed** – either by **blind spots** in their own cars, other vehicles or even road signs. Many accidents occur when a car pulls out in front of a bike because the **driver was unable to see** them.

2. Stay educated on motorcycle safety

Motorcycle safety is typically incorporated into a standard Driver's Education Course. If you have not attended a traffic safety course in a while, there are many ways to **brush up on your knowledge**. Check this article on the ['10 most common motorcycle accidents and how to avoid them'](#) published by RideApart.



Motorcycle Safety Awareness for Riders

1. Wear a helmet (and protective gear)

Not every state requires that riders wear a helmet, however a **helmet** is easily the **most important** piece of **protective gear** that you should wear on a bike. According to Injury Facts®, helmets are estimated to be [37% effective in preventing fatal injuries](#) for motorcycle operators. Wear good shoes (**boots**), full coverage clothing, and **goggles or glasses** if you don't have a full coverage helmet.

2. Limit your speed

Speed limits are in place for a reason. On a motorcycle, your body takes a direct hit in the event of a crash. **"More than 80% of all reported motorcycle crashes result in injury or death"** ([NSC.org](#)). Without the body of a car to protect you, speed becomes even more important when you are on a bike.