



**No Excuses** **Ride Safe!**



## BEST TIPS FOR SAFE MOTOR OPERATIONS



### 1. DEFENSIVE DRIVING.

Always watch the other person and assume they are not watching you. Leave yourself an out and be prepared for any situation

### 2. BE SEEN.

Try to make eye contact with other drivers. Use your turn signals every time you change lanes or turn. Use a headlight modulator, (flasher), if state law allows.

### 3. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING.

Wear it! Use gloves, long sleeve shirts and pants, and always wear boots. Skin and asphalt do not mix well. Helmets are lifesavers also. That choice is yours in Oklahoma. Think about it . . . you will never see a professional rider without a helmet, just watch the races on television. That should tell you something.

### 4. COVER YOUR BRAKES.

This does not mean ride the brakes, just have your hand and foot on them in case you need them. Make this a habit and you will greatly increase your chances of getting out of a bad situation.

### 5. SLOW DOWN.

Leave your ego at home or on the track. No one cares how fast you can ride.

6. **PAY ATTENTION.**

At 60 miles per hour you are covering over 80 feet of roadway per second. Concentrate on the road in front of you and avoid daydreaming. Road debris are not a motorcyclist's friend and can get you in trouble quickly.

7. **BE PATIENT.**

We all know the acceleration capabilities of a motorcycle and how quickly you can gain speed compared to cars. Just remember that acceleration can also carry you into a dangerous situation quicker as well. Relax and enjoy the ride.

8. **ALCOHOL/DRUGS.**

Do not mix any alcohol or drugs with your ride time, this is an absolute recipe for disaster. You must be at your sharpest while on your motorcycle and prescription medicines or alcohol only dull your senses and reduce your ability to operate a motorcycle safely.

9. **SAFETY COURSES.**

Find a motorcycle safety course in your area and attend one. These courses usually provide the motorcycles and are not very expensive. The knowledge you gain is priceless and your operator skills will be enhanced a great deal. You will be amazed at what you learn and you will be eager to pass this information on to fellow riders.

These tips/suggestions are only a few of the things that will help you enjoy your motorcycle experience. You can do your own research and use the skills and knowledge you have learned to increase your chances of a safer riding experience.



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