

Maximum Velocity Motorcycle Motorcycle Club Safety Tips

Ride Safe is a common phrase among parting bikers. No wonder, riders are being killed and injured in an alarming numbers on our highways. Safety has escalated past being a major concern into being a survival issue. To promote safety awareness among the two-wheeled community we would like to offer this as some do's and don'ts to stimulate proper planning before you ride.

Licensing:

*A motorcycle endorsement is required to operate any motorcycle (2 or 3 wheeled) with an engine displacement larger than 50cc.

*A person under 21 yrs of age must have a valid Drivers License for a minimum of 6 months and successfully complete a Florida Rider Training Program approved Motorcycle Rider course in order to receive a motorcycle endorsement.

Helmet:

* Florida law requires that both rider and passenger must wear a properly fastened motorcycle helmet that meets or exceed Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 218. Certification to SNELL and British /European standards are also acceptable.

*In order to be exempt from the above requirements riders must satisfy both the following criteria each time they ride without a helmet.

1. Riders and helmet-less passenger must be 21 yrs of age or older.
2. Riders and helmet-less passenger must each have a major medical / emergency hospitalization insurance policy with a minimum of \$10,000.00 coverage. This insurance bares no relation to insurance on or for the motorcycle, and the helmet-less rider /passenger must be able to produce proof of this insurance if stopped by a law enforcement official. (Insurance cards are issued for this purpose by the issuing company when the appropriate policy is purchased.)

Eye Protection:

*Eye protection for motorcyclist is required by Florida law and is defined as something that covers the eye other than a contact lens.

*A motorcycle windshield does not qualify as approved eye protection

* Tinted eye protection should not be used at night.