# TOPIOTIPS RIDERS NEED TO KNOW BEFORE GETTINGONA MOTORCYCLE WRITTEN BY RICK LOWELL, ESQ.

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# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY

According to the National Motorcycle Institute, driving a motorcycle is 27 times riskier than driving a car. If you're ready to feel the wind in your hair, make sure you know these safety tips before hitting the road



# SAFETY TIP

## TAKE A SAFETY COURSE

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### Riding a motorcycle is much different than driving a car. A beginner should always consider signing up for a motorcycle safety course to learn traffic laws, basic riding skills, and how to handle an emergency situation.





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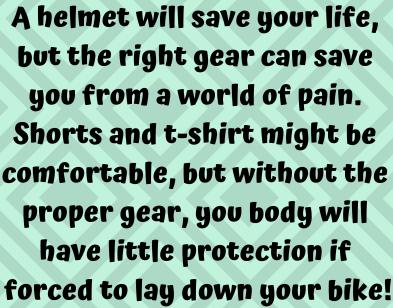
## SAFETY TIP #2

# WEAR A HELMET

It shouldn't have to be said, but you should always wear a helmet. And, not just any helmet. Wear a full-face helmet approved by the DOT. While pricey, a good helmet can save your life, so it's worth the cost!



# CHOOSE THE RIGHT GEAR





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#### SAFETY TIP #4 CHECK THE WEATHER #4

Rain, sleet, snow, wind, even bright sunshine. Weather not only has an effect on how comfortable your ride is but how safe you are, as well. Check the forecast before heading out so there are no unforeseen surprises.







## WATCH YOUR SPEED

Especially on a motorcycle, speed limits exist for a reason. Too slow and drivers will pose a threat. Too fast and you might not be able to dodge dangers. Watch your speed to stay safe while riding.



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# SAFETY TIPLEARN DEFENSIVE#6

As a motorcyclist, just following the rules is not enough. Don't assume other drivers see you. Always ride with your lights on. Take every precaution while operating your motorcycle defensively.







# STAY SOBER STAY ALERT

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, over 28% of motorcycle fatalities were DUIs. Staying sober and awake will not only save your life but also protect other drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists.



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## SAFETY TIP #8

Take two minutes to inspect your motorcycle before each ride. Even if your bike is new, a quick check of the lights, mirrors, and brakes will ensure that your motorcycle is primed and ready.







## RIDE ACCORDING TO YOUR ABILITY

Sharp turns, stunts, and steep hills might look like fun, but a newer rider might not be prepared to handle those conditions safely. With more practice, your skills will improve. In the meantime, stick to your comfort zone.



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## SAFETY TIP #10

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

If you are injured in a collision while riding your motorcycle, you are entitled to full compensation for all related medical bills, lost wages, out-ofpocket expenses, pain and suffering, and more.

Knowing your rights can be the difference between a fair resolution and walking away with nothing. Contacting an experienced personal injury attorney after a motorcycle collision is the first step to ensure the police, the other driver, and the insurance company do not infringe on your rights.

Your health and future are at stake after a motorcycle collision. A good personal injury attorney will confidently and aggressively represent you. Remember, your lawyer should fight for you to get the justice you deserve.



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