



5 TIPS TO STAY SAFE WHEN RIDING A MOTORCYCLE

1. GET EDUCATED.

Riding a motorcycle involves very different skills than driving a car. That's why many states require a separate driver's license for a motorcycle.

Florida has very specific requirements to obtain either a motorcycle endorsement printed on a Class E driver's license or a motorcycle-only license. Don't forget, in addition to the requirements, additional classes and trainings would go a long way toward boosting riding capabilities.

2. PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!

There's no substitute for experience, and experience comes with practice. Get to know the ins-and-outs of your motorcycle before putting yourself in stressful traffic situations. Start learning in your neighborhood or on remote roads. You can also learn more about rider safety from Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' The Florida Rider Training Program (FRTP) which uses curriculum developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF).

3. INVEST IN A PRE-RIDE INSPECTION.

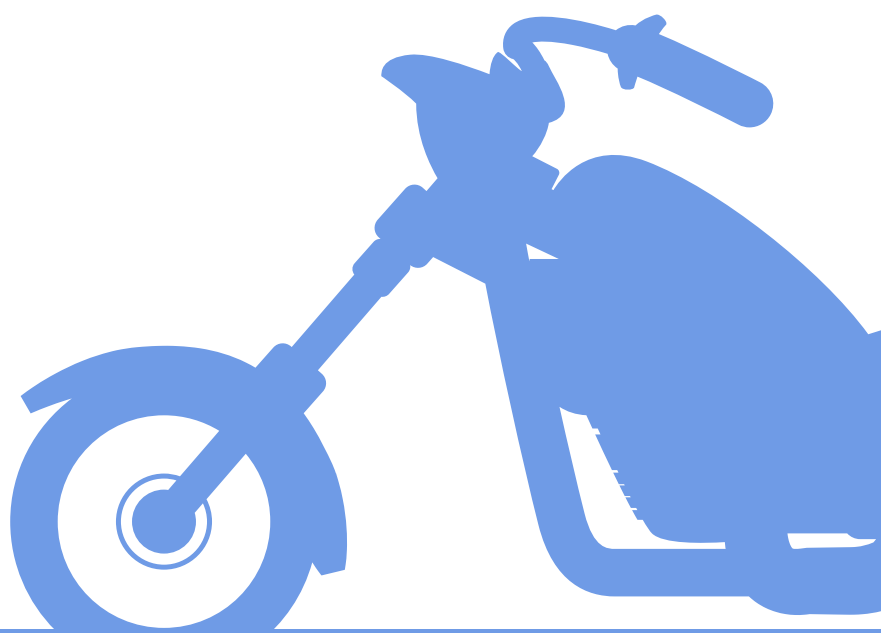
If a flight-check works for a \$350 million passenger jet, it's good enough for a motorcycle. Come up with a routine. Check the tires, brakes, headlights, indicator lights and fluid levels before jumping on and taking off. It doesn't take long, and the benefits are priceless.

4. WEAR PROTECTION.

Motorcycle riders are vulnerable. It doesn't take much for a car or truck – or pothole, puddle or road debris – to cause an accident. Accident injuries are bad enough, but motorcycle injuries can be much worse, and are more often fatal.

5. ALWAYS RIDE RESPONSIBLY.

Don't take unnecessary risks. Follow basic traffic rules and leave extra space for yourself between other vehicles. Even if you're doing everything right, it doesn't mean other people are.



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