

10 COMMON REASONS FOR

MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

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When a motorcyclist is in an accident, the injuries sustained are typically much worse; after all, motorcycles don't have airbags or seatbelts. For that reason, motorcyclists have to be extra careful while road, but not all accidents are their fault. Check out the 10 common reasons for motorcycle accidents.

1) INTERSECTION ACCIDENTS



Riders or drivers who disregard traffic signals and right of way rules make intersections a dangerous place. A common intersection accident involves a motorist making a left turn who fails to yield to an oncoming motorcyclist who is going straight through the intersection.

2) BLIND SPOT ACCIDENTS



Motorcycles riding in a lane beside another vehicle may disappear in the blind spots. A driver who fails to look over his or her shoulder before changing lanes may cause an accident by colliding with a motorcycle in a blind spot. Commercial trucks have much larger blind spots in almost every direction of the truck.

3) DISTRACTED DRIVER CRASHES



Distracted drivers cause accidents by failing to be aware of other vehicles, traffic signals, and changing traffic conditions. This can be due to cell phone use, eating, drinking, or daydreaming.

4) FAILURE TO YIELD ACCIDENTS



Drivers will sometimes ignore a yield sign, or they "think they can make it" before the oncoming traffic.

5) DRUNK DRIVING ACCIDENTS



According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), alcohol plays a contributing factor in roughly 40 percent of all motorcycle accident fatalities.

6) EXCESSIVE SPEED ACCIDENTS



Speeding is a significant contributing factor to motorcycle accidents and injuries. Drivers or riders that are speeding will have less time to react to a sudden change in traffic conditions.

7) FAILURE TO SEE A MOTORCYCLIST APPROACHING



Drivers may be scanning the road for larger objects and may overlook oncoming motorcycles because it is less noticeable than a car or truck. To help prevent this, motorcyclists can wear bright colors and make themselves as visible as possible and actively use their horn if they perceive a car is going to pull out in front of them.

8) DRIVING TOO FAST FOR ROAD OR WEATHER CONDITIONS



There are plenty of weather and road conditions that make it dangerous for riders, and they include: rain, snow, wind, gravel, uneven roads, leaves, and cut grass that is blown on the road.

9) TAKING CURVES TOO FAST



Novice drivers will sometimes take curves too fast. It increases the risk of being injured in an accident. Whether you are riding alone or riding as part of a group, slow down for curves, and give other riders plenty of space.

10) SHARING LANES



Sharing lanes is dangerous, particularly if the other motorcyclist has to swerve to avoid an obstacle. Do not ride side by side; it is better to ride in a staggered formation.

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