

# TOP TEN CAUSES OF MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

Motorcycle accidents are all too common. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, more than 2,200 motorcycle accidents happen in Missouri each year, approximately doubling since the late 1990s.

Here are the top 10 causes of motorcycle accidents:

## 1 DISTRACTED DRIVING



Using a cellphone while driving is the most common form of distracted driving, but any activity that diverts the driver's attention constitutes distracted driving.

## 2 BLIND SPOTS



Because motorcycles are much smaller than cars and trucks they often disappear in other drivers' blind spots.

## 3 FAILURE TO YIELD



Failing to yield in situations that require it can be dangerous for the driver failing to yield, as well as the other motorists on the road.

## 4 LEFT TURNS



Drivers often fail to notice motorcyclists. This can be devastating when a car goes to make a left and pulls out in front of an unexpected motorcyclist at the last second.

## 5 DRUNK DRIVING



Alcohol is a contributing factor in 4 out of 10 motorcycle accident fatalities.

## 6 SPEEDING



It can be fun to push that high-performance sportbike to its limits, but excessively exceeding the speed limit is extremely dangerous, especially for motorcyclists.

## 7 TAKING TURNS TOO FAST



Taking turns too fast is normal with inexperienced riders, and the results can be disastrous.

## 8 ROAD AND WEATHER CONDITIONS



Uneven surfaces, gravel, potholes, wind, and rain all affect motorcyclists' ability to travel safely.

## 9 FAILURE TO SEE A MOTORCYCLIST APPROACHING



Due to motorcycles smaller frame, it is common that drivers will not see an oncoming motorcycle.

## 10 SHARING LANES



When on a group ride, try to dismiss the temptation to share lanes. This can be very dangerous, especially if other motorists must avoid an obstacle.



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