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## MOTORCYCLE RESOURCE GUIDE

This resource guide contains links to publications, agency and organization websites, and other information of interest to motorcycle riders and others with an interest in motorcycle safety.

### Impaired Riding

#### **The Motorcycle Safety Foundation**

Promotes impaired riding awareness through printed PSAs and promotional posters.

[http://www.msf-usa.org/index\\_new.cfm?pagename=Search&content=12D63D09-A0CC53D564764948F882EC77&spl=1&Criteria=downloads&content=00E9A91E-D735-25FE-4002E24725F052F4&spl=0](http://www.msf-usa.org/index_new.cfm?pagename=Search&content=12D63D09-A0CC53D564764948F882EC77&spl=1&Criteria=downloads&content=00E9A91E-D735-25FE-4002E24725F052F4&spl=0)

### Insurance

#### **DMV.org Texas**

Explains the minimum insurance requirements for motorcycles in Texas. Note that DMV.org is a privately owned website and is not operated by the State of Texas.

<http://www.dmv.org/tx-texas/insurance/motorcycle-insurance-minimum-requirements.php>

### Motorcycle Clubs and Organizations

#### **American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)**

The AMA has an unparalleled history of pursuing, protecting and promoting the interests of the world's largest and most dedicated group of motorcycle enthusiasts. Founded in 1924, the AMA focuses on rights, riding and racing through its government relations work, by sanctioning road and off-road riding activities and overseeing amateur and pro-am racing events.

<http://www.ama-cycle.org/>

#### **AMA Motorcycle Club Search Engine - American Motorcyclist Association**

Search for AMA clubs and promoters by state on this website

<http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/clubsandpromoters/ClubSearch.aspx>

#### **Gold Wing Road Riders Association Chapter Locator**

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is the world's largest single-marque social organization for owners and riders of Honda Gold Wing/Valkyrie motorcycles.

<http://www.gwrra.org/findchapter.html>

#### **Harley Owners Group (HOG), Chapter Locator**

The Harley-Davidson USA website provides information on motorcycles, the 2-wheeled lifestyles and Harley owners groups across the nation. Use the link to search for your local Harley dealership or HOG chapter.

[http://www.harley-davidson.com/en\\_US/Content/Pages/dealer-locator/dealer-locator.html#/locator?page=1&program\\_codes=HOG](http://www.harley-davidson.com/en_US/Content/Pages/dealer-locator/dealer-locator.html#/locator?page=1&program_codes=HOG)

#### **Motorcycle Safety Foundation® (MSF)**

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation works with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), state governments, the military and other organizations to improve motorcyclist operator licensing, education, and rider training. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation is the internationally recognized developer of the comprehensive, research-based, Rider Education and Training System.

<http://online2.msf-usa.org/msf/Default.aspx>

#### **Motorcycle Road Warriors Association (MotoRWA)**

The Motorcycle Road Warriors Associations Real Riders or ORBs Open Road Bikers are dedicated to long distance travel on motorcycles. Trip and safety tips. Based in Mansfield, Texas.

[http://www.motorwa.com/Home\\_Page.html](http://www.motorwa.com/Home_Page.html)

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### **National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators (NASMSA)**

The National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators advocates for motorcycle safety and fosters and promotes the exchange of ideas and resources. Their website provides tools for assessing the effectiveness of motorcycle safety programs and provides motorcycles awareness materials (campaigns, posters, giveaways, bumper stickers, ads, brochures, and audio PSAs), news releases, proclamations, fact sheets, and presentations.

<http://www.smsa.org/>

### **Texas ABATE**

Texas Abate Confederation, Inc. is a motorcycle rights organization that is dedicated to freedom of the road for all motorcyclists, promotes rider education for all motorcycle riders, motorcycle awareness for all automobile drivers, and fights discriminatory legislation aimed towards the motorcycling community.

<http://www.texasabate.com/>

### **Texas Motorcycle Roadriders Association (TMRA)**

TMRA is the largest association of motorcycle clubs and individuals in Texas. TMRA's mission focuses on motorcycle rights, education, fellowship and communication for Texas riders.

<http://www.tmra.org/>

## **Motorcycle Laws**

### **American Motorcyclist Association Texas Motorcycle Laws**

This page is a summary of on-road and off-road motorcycle laws in Texas.

<http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Rights/State-Laws.aspx?stateid=43>

## **Motorcycle Licensing**

### **Texas Department of Public Safety – Motorcycle Licenses**

Provides information on licensing and training requirements for motorcycle riders in Texas.

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/motorcyclelicense.htm>

### **DMV.org**

Provides information on how to apply for a motorcycle license and receive professional training in Texas. Note that DMV.org is a privately owned website and is not operated by the State of Texas.

<http://www.dmv.org/tx-texas/motorcycle-license.php>

<http://www.dmv.org/tx-texas/motorcycle-manual.php>

## **Motorcycle Operation**

### **Motorcycle Safety: Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation**

Delivers information for safely maneuvering a motorcycle on public, private, and highway roads.

<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/pubs/videoresource/stpmotorcycle.pdf>

### **Motorcycle Safety Foundation Curriculum Handbooks**

The curriculum for Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider training courses is found at this website. The information contained in these handbooks is offered for the benefit of those who have an interest in riding motorcycles. (Handbooks are not printable)

[http://msf-usa.org/index\\_new.cfm?spl=2&action=display&pagename=Library](http://msf-usa.org/index_new.cfm?spl=2&action=display&pagename=Library)

### **Experienced Rider Course Classroom Cards**

Flash cards with safe riding tips and information that are used in the Motorcycle Safety Foundation experienced rider training courses.

[http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/ERC\\_Rider\\_Classroom\\_Cards.pdf](http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/ERC_Rider_Classroom_Cards.pdf)

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### **If You Ride a Motorcycle: General Guidelines for Riding a Motorcycle Safely**

A fact sheet from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation with some quick tips on how to ride a motorcycle safely.

[http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/if\\_you\\_ride\\_a\\_motorcycle.pdf](http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/if_you_ride_a_motorcycle.pdf)

### **You and Your Motorcycle: Riding Tips**

A Motorcycle Safety Foundation booklet containing tips and information for safe motorcycle operation.

[http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/Riding\\_Tips.pdf](http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/Riding_Tips.pdf)

### **Guidelines for Riding With A Group**

Tips from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation on changes in your riding style when riding with a group.

[http://www.motorwa.com/uploads/Group\\_Ride.pdf](http://www.motorwa.com/uploads/Group_Ride.pdf)

### **Guidelines for Riding With A Passenger on your Motorcycle**

Tips from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation on changes in your riding style and on your motorcycle to accommodate a passenger.

[http://www.motorwa.com/uploads/Passenger\\_Tip\\_Sheet.pdf](http://www.motorwa.com/uploads/Passenger_Tip_Sheet.pdf)

## **Motorcycle Rider Training**

### **Texas Department of Public Safety Motorcycle/ATV Safety Unit**

This DPS unit oversees the Motorcycle Operator Training and Safety Program and the All-Terrain Vehicle Education and Certification Program.

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb/index.htm>

## **Motorcycle Safety Planning Resources**

### **AASHTO Strategic Highway Safety Plan: A Comprehensive Plan to Substantially Reduce Vehicle-Related Fatalities and Injuries on the Nation's Highways** *American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials*

This Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) offers state and local transportation and safety agencies a life-saving blueprint for developing comprehensive highway safety plans. See Section 2, Part 3 for recommendations to Improve Motorcycle Safety and Motorcycle Awareness.

<http://safety.transportation.org/doc/Safety-StrategicHighwaySafetyPlan.pdf>

### **Implementation Guide for the National Motorcycle Safety Agenda PDF**

*US DOT, NHTSA, MSF*

This guide provides "how to" steps for those seeking to implement recommendations of the National Motorcycle Safety Agenda.

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/NAMS2006/images/ImplementationGuide.pdf>

### **Implementation Guide for the National Motorcycle Safety Agenda Online Version**

*US DOT, NHTSA, MSF*

The National Motorcycle Safety Agenda provides guidance to those seeking to enhance motorcycling safety at the national, state, and local levels.

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/00-NHT-212-motorcycle/toc.html>

### **Motorcycle Safety Program – NHTSA**

This NHTSA publication provides guidelines for effective motorcycle safety programs.

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/motorcycle03/McycleSafetyProgram.pdf>

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## **Promotional Materials and Campaigns**

### **Look.Learn.Live -- TxDOT**

A Texas motorcycle safety and awareness campaign.

<http://www.looklearnlive.org>

### **Drunk Riding Prevention Motorcycle Safety Planner – NHTSA**

A motorcycle safety planner complete with marketing materials and earned media tools to be used to remind motorcyclists to always ride smart and sober.

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/planners/DrunkRidingPrevention2008/index.cfm>

### **Earned Media Campaign, 2006- MMCS**

#### **Go High Viz - The 2008-2009 Rider Conspicuity Campaign – MMSC**

The purpose of this campaign is to educate motorcycle riders about conspicuity products, techniques, and strategies, increase motorcyclists' use of high-visibility clothing and conspicuity products, and to reduce multi-vehicle motorcycle crashes, injuries, and fatalities.

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/mmsc/riding-tips/Pages/go-high-viz.aspx>

#### **Motorcycle, Motorized Bicycle and Electric-Assisted Bicycle Manual**

This manual is about operating motorcycles, motorized bicycles and electric-assisted bicycles on Minnesota streets and highways.

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/forms documents/Documents/MotorcycleManual-2page.pdf>

#### **Ride Straight**

Ride Straight is an impaired riding prevention ad and education campaign developed by the AMA. Here you can find information on the effects of alcohol on the body, downloadable ads for newsletters, magazines or websites, links to alcohol-impairment research and much more.

<http://www.ridestraight.org>

#### **Share the Road with Motorcycles - NHTSA**

A promotional planner including marketing materials, earned media tools and marketing ideas to raise awareness of the need to safely share the road with motorcycles.

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/McycleSafetyplanner2007/index.html>

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation reaches out to car drivers to enhance traffic safety.

<http://www.forcardrivers.com/>

## **Research and Studies**

### **U.S. DOT Cost of Injuries Related to Motorcycle Crashes**

Document produced by NHTSA in the 1990s summarizing literature on motorcycle injury costs. Explains future directions and injury prevention strategies.

[http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/Motorcycle\\_HTML/index.html](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/Motorcycle_HTML/index.html)

**U.S. DOT Drinking, Riding, and Prevention – A Focus Group Study** This study assesses motorcyclists' attitudes, beliefs and plans of action about drinking and riding impaired. Methods to reduce injuries and deaths related to impaired riding is the wanted outcome of the focus groups.

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/DrinkRidePrevent/DrinkRidePrevention.pdf>

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## **Safety Gear**

### **How to Buy a Helmet – *Motorcycle Cruiser Magazine***

This article featured in Motorcycle cruiser magazine reminds motorcyclists that there is much to know before selecting the only piece of apparel that is likely to save your life and provide information on selecting a safe, approved helmet.

[http://www.motorcyclecruiser.com/streetsurvival/motorcycle\\_helmet\\_guide/index.html](http://www.motorcyclecruiser.com/streetsurvival/motorcycle_helmet_guide/index.html)

### **How to Identify Unsafe Motorcycle Helmets – NHTSA**

An educational brochure on how to identify safe and unsafe motorcycle helmets

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/UnsafeHelmetID/images/UnsafeHelmets.pdf>

### **Personal Protective Gear for the Motorcyclist – MSF**

This handout provides a summary of some of the important gear needed for comfort and protection.

[http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/Protective\\_gear\\_REV.pdf](http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/Protective_gear_REV.pdf)

## **Scooters and Mopeds**

### **Scooter and Moped/Motorized Bicycle Safety - MMSC**

Information from the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center on scooter and moped safety

[https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/forms\\_documents/Documents/MotorcycleManual-2page.pdf](https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/forms_documents/Documents/MotorcycleManual-2page.pdf)

### **Scooter & Moped Registration**

Information on scooter and moped registration in Texas. Note that DMV.org is a privately owned website and is not operated by the State of Texas.

<http://www.dmv.org/tx-texas/other-types.php>

### **Moped Information Resource**

<http://moped2.org/laws/Texas.htm>

## **Sharing the Road with Motorcycles**

### **Share the Road with Motorcycles – NHTSA**

An article highlighting common themes and language from materials that effectively convey the importance of sharing the road safely with motorcyclists

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/ShareTheRoad/index.html>

### **Ten Things all Car & Truck Drivers Should Know about Motorcycles – MSF**

Tips to help car and truck drivers safely share the road with motorcycles.

[http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/Motorist\\_Awareness\\_tips.pdf](http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/Motorist_Awareness_tips.pdf)

## **Statistics**

### **Fact Sheet – NHTSA**

Facts and talking points from the NHTSA Share the Road motorcycle safety planner.

[http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/McycleSafetyplanner2007/Motorcycle\\_Awareness\\_Fact\\_Sheet.doc](http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/McycleSafetyplanner2007/Motorcycle_Awareness_Fact_Sheet.doc)

## Videos

### **Motorcycle Safety PSA with Mary Peters - US DOT**

A motorcycle safety video ad featuring the recent Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Mary Peters, who is also an avid motorcyclist.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fyfiODxgg0>

### **MSF Motorcycle Safety Videos Clips – Motorcycle Safety Foundation**

Streaming web videos provided by MSF for use in motorcycle safety education for motorcyclists and general motorists. Videos may be used in your projects free of charge.

### **Welcome to the Ride – MSF**

This 5-minute video introduces the many diverse aspects of street motorcycling.

<http://www.msf-usa.org>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCTHezot-tY>

### **Basic Rider Course Highlights – MSF**

This 5-minute video is a capsule summary of the experience of participating in the Basic Rider Course training program.

<http://www.msf-usa.org>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prR2OYZtPGUv>

### **Group Riding - MSF**

This 10-minute edit of the video in the MSF Guide to Group Riding Kit explains riding formations, pre-ride meetings, hand signals and more.

<http://www.msf-usa.org>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erpkYD7SMfw>

### **Common Road - MSF**

This 3-minute edit of the MSF Cars, Motorcycles & A Common Road video helps car drivers share the road safely with motorcyclists.

<http://www.msf-usa.org>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9czuXt3VWwc>

### **The Distracted Driver – AMA**

A humorous PSA with a serious message about distracted driving.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RybGbD3c-A>

### **Broadcast Video Public Service Announcements**

Various broadcast public service announcements produced by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and from the Look Learn Live motorcycle safety program.

<http://online2.msf-usa.org/msf/broadcast/>

<http://www.looklearnlive.org/live/public-service-announcementsvideos/>

<http://www.looklearnlive.org/learn/public-service-announcementsvideos/>

### **Allstate Insurance Motorcycle Facebook Website**

Allstate's Facebook site dedicated to motorcyclists. Plus, a page highlighting the company's goal of installing "Watch for Motorcycles" signage in major cities across America.

<http://www.allstatenewsroom.com/channels/News-Releases/releases/allstate-installs-permanent-warning-signs-to-promote-motorcycle-safety-at-dangerous-intersections-1>

<https://www.facebook.com/AllstateMotorcycle>