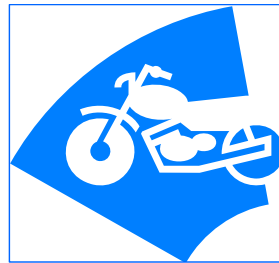


Motorcycle Safety



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Dangerous but Fun

- In an average year 166,000 Americans will be hospitalized as a result of a motorcycle accident. 4,700 of them die. Many others will be crippled for life. In some countries the death rate for motorcyclists is up to nine times higher than that for persons riding in a car. (www.allsands.com)



The reasons for the High numbers:

- (1) A motorcycle is harder to see than a car
- (2) A motorcycle offers little or no protection for its rider
- (3) A motorcycle's handling is tricky – if it skids, it often spills.



Fun and Effective

- It's not surprising, then, that many people consider motorcycles to be dangerous. Yet, motorcycles do have definite advantages. The fuel economy is hard to overlook, with 60 to 70 miles being achieved from one gallon of fuel. Bikes are easy to manoeuvre, they allow ease of parking and they cost less than a car.

Be Safe



- Not to be overlooked is the thrill that comes from riding a bike. The sense of freedom and the feeling of control are difficult to emulate in a car. Many feel as I do, " It's exciting to feel that machine beneath you, to know that it will answer to your every whim or direction, to lean into curves and know that it will carry you to your destination reliably."