



Missouri



1 of 28
states and Puerto Rico where the Highway Safety Office is the lead agency for motorcycle safety.

1 of 20
states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico that has a universal helmet law.

1 of 17
states with an education effort to increase helmet use.

1 of 16
states that requires rider training for people under a certain age.

The mandatory curriculum for novice drivers doesn't include sharing the road information.

1 of 18
states that had a NHTSA assessment of its motorcycle safety program.

Year	Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Motorcycle Fatalities	Motorcycle Registrations
2004	1,130	2,698,085	56	77,519
2005	1,257	2,539,266	91	81,396
2006	1,096	2,715,297	93	85,466

- In Missouri, motorcycle fatalities represented 5 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities but 3 percent of registered vehicles in 2004; 7 percent of fatalities but 3 percent of registered vehicles in 2005; and 8 percent of fatalities but 3 percent of registered vehicles in 2006.

GENERAL

- The Missouri Highway Safety Office is the lead agency for motorcycle safety.
- Missouri has an active motorcycle advisory committee. Members include representatives from: the motoring public, motorcycle dealerships, motorcycle instructors, law enforcement agencies, the motorcycle safety education program and the Missouri Department of Public Safety.
- Motorcycle crashes are a priority crash problem in Missouri.
- Missouri has a motorcycle safety plan, and motorcycle safety is included in the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
- In 2005, motorcycle riders and other safety partners organized a task force to address the growing motorcycle safety problem in Missouri. People from organizations such as the Freedom of the Road Riders, the American Motorcycle Association, the Christian Motorcycle Association, the BMW Association as well as motorcycle dealers and the Missouri DOT developed a strategic plan that is being implemented today.
- In 1999, NHTSA conducted an assessment of Missouri's motorcycle safety program.

RIDER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- The Missouri DOT is responsible for rider education and training.
- The MSF's Basic and Experienced RiderCoursesSM are offered in Missouri.
- Rider education is mandatory for people under 16.
- Training capacity is an issue in Missouri. There is a two to three week wait in the spring and a one week wait in the fall. The state has increased the number of training sites by 20 percent over last three years to try and address the problem.
- Missouri has a *Sharing the Road* program. Campaign activities have focused on billboard advertisements and radio public service announcements. Since 1996, Lamar Outdoor Advertising has donated its vacant billboards around the state to the campaign. Sharing the road messages based on the MSF's billboard templates have been posted on these billboards



across the state. The Missouri Motorcycle Safety Program also contracted with Missouri Net to produce two radio motorcycle awareness messages. The radio ads were played throughout Missouri during May of 2007, coinciding with Motorcycle Awareness Month. Plans are currently underway to purchase airtime in four of Missouri's major metropolitan areas (Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield and Columbia) during the 2008 riding season.

- Information on sharing the road with motorcycles is included in the state's driving manual but not the mandatory curriculum for novice drivers.

LICENSING

- The minimum age to receive a motorcycle license or endorsement is 16.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Missouri has a universal helmet law.
- In 2006, 17 of the 93 riders killed in crashes weren't wearing helmets.
- Information on the benefits of helmet use is included in state's rider education courses, brochures and public service announcements.

IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLING

- Information on the dangers of impaired riding is included in the state's rider training programs. Plans are in place for a public service announcement.
- All of the state's impaired driving mobilization campaigns include motorcyclists.

RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- A \$1.00 surcharge on all county and state traffic and criminal convictions goes to the Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund and is used to support motorcycle safety activities (approx. \$400,000 annually). A \$50,000 line item in the state's budget also goes towards motorcycle safety activities.
- Missouri received a 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant. The money will be used for a *Share the Road* media campaign.
- In 2006, \$100,000 of federal funding was obligated to motorcycle safety.