

Winter Motorcycle Riding: Things to Consider



Road Hazards

Winter riding comes with serious dangers, mainly the risk of losing traction. Riding in snow or ice can be challenging, even more so if you're not experienced. Hidden ice is a constant threat, especially in shaded spots, so it's important to stay alert. Road salt used to melt ice and make the roads safer damages motorcycles and also reduces tire grip.

Other hazards like gravel, dust, and slippery tar patches add to the risks. The freeze-thaw cycle creates potholes, so you have to be extra vigilant as potholes are particularly dangerous to motorcycle riders. Cold tires can make things worse, so it's crucial to be moderate with braking, accelerating, and leaning, especially when you first begin your ride.

Cold Weather Affects the Body

Winter riding goes beyond having the right gear; it involves considering the rider's well-being. Cold weather can make the body work harder to generate heat, so it's important to combat fatigue by taking extra rest stops, eating regularly, and staying hydrated. Winter air can dehydrate you without noticeable symptoms, so plan distances considering shorter days and rapidly dropping temperatures after sundown. The cold also affects dexterity, so it's crucial to keep hands warm with [suitable gear](#). Hypothermia can also compromise mental concentration, slowing thinking and judgment. Prioritize your well-being when riding in winter.

Importance of Equipment

During the cold season, prioritize maintenance, especially as road salt can corrode components. Pay attention to tire performance; consider switching to sport-touring tires for varied temperatures or 50-50 adventure tires for dual-sport bikes. These choices enhance street traction in wet conditions and can be a potential lifesaver in slushy snow.

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Use Your Head

Mirrors are helpful, but don't rely solely on them to know what's around you when you're riding. To stay aware of your surroundings and where you are compared to others, pay attention with your own eyes, keeping your head on a swivel.

Experienced riders know it's smart to keep your head up and eyes alert when going around corners. If you want to change lanes safely, turn and look over your shoulder to make sure it's clear. This not only helps you see if it's safe but also lets you know if other drivers are paying attention to you.



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Choosing the right helmet



Selecting the right motorcycle helmet is crucial for both safety and comfort during rides. Helmets come in various shapes—round oval, intermediate oval (the most common), and long oval—tailored to different head shapes. To determine the right fit, it's essential to identify any pressure points during the fitting process, indicating if the helmet is too round or oval. Sizing is a critical factor; a helmet should be snug, providing even pressure without discomfort. Adjustable features in some helmets allow for a customized fit. Different helmet styles cater to diverse riding needs, such as full-face helmets for aerodynamics and comfort, modular helmets for versatility, dual-sport helmets for off-road adventures, and hi-visibility helmets for increased visibility.

It's important to ensure DOT certification when choosing a helmet. DOT certified helmets will have a small sticker on them denoting that the helmet meets the DOT safety standards. Be cautious of novelty helmets, which may not meet safety standards. Unsafe helmets may lack a proper inner liner, feature weak chin straps, be excessively lightweight, or include protruding decorations. Regular checks and awareness of safety standards are vital to maintaining helmet integrity. Prioritizing safety over style is paramount to protect yourself in the event of a crash.

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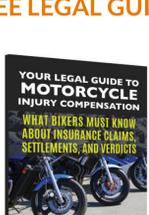






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