

## Staying Safe On The Roads

There is nothing quite like the feeling of riding on a good road with no traffic, with good weather conditions and no hurry to be anywhere special.

Unfortunately that doesn't tend to happen very often. Our modern lives seem to allow for very little free time, and even when we do get some we don't automatically want to head back out onto congested roads again.

Maybe that lack of free time is why many people don't take enough time to ride carefully and considerately when they are on their bike on the open road. The problem is that motorbikes are not always easy to see, and if you don't take care it is all too easy to take a spill.

That is one of the reasons why you need to be wearing the right protective gear at all times – even in warm weather. It's tempting to wear a tee shirt and shorts but if you are unlucky enough to have an accident – even a minor one – you will sustain a lot more damage than you would if your arms and legs are covered. Good bike gloves are necessary as well; you will always instinctively put your hands down first to break your fall if the bike goes out from underneath you, so you'll want them to be padded in some way.

Staying safe also means making sure you have the right bike insurance to cover you in the event of an accident. Breakdown cover is a good idea as well, even if your bike is fairly new, since you won't want to be stranded somewhere on a motorbike – especially in cold weather. Needless to say, you don't have the same protection that you would have in a car.

Another way to stay safer on the roads is to take a motorbike refresher course every few years. It's quite natural to slip into bad habits after you've been riding for a while, and these courses can help you stay on the straight and narrow.

Another point which a lot of people don't always think about is that you should give serious consideration to what kind of bike is right for you. There is a very wide range of bikes available on the market now – some more powerful than others – and it's important that you should choose one that feels right for you. If it feels too big for you then start off with one that is smaller.

[Motorcycles](#) provide a great way to travel, and if you take all the right precautions before you go out and about you will know that even if something untoward does happen, you will be well equipped to minimise the effects it has on you.

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