

MOTORCYCLES: FAST FACTS

Approximately 2,000 motorcycle drivers are killed and another 50,000 are injured each year as a result of traffic collisions. The alarming fact is that these incidents are commonly the fault of a negligent driver, manufacturing defect or flawed roadway condition.

Accident Statistics

Three quarters of motorcycle accidents involve a collision with another vehicle (most often a passenger automobile).

Mechanical failure accounts for 3% of motorcycle accidents and is most often due to a puncture flat.

Animals are involved in 1% of motorcycle accidents.

Roadway defects are responsible for 2% of motorcycle accidents.

The majority of accidents are caused by the failure of other motorists to see motorcycles in traffic.

Intersections are the most common place for a motorcycle accident. Weather is a factor in 2% of motorcycle accidents.

Over 60% of motorcycle accidents result in fuel system leaks and spills causing a fire hazard.

A BRIEF HISTORY

Due to the lack of protection, a motorcycle accident of any magnitude is extremely dangerous. Motorcyclists are often overlooked by other vehicles on the road due to their smaller size. There are various laws that deal with motorcycle accidents, which is why it is imperative that you contact us after an incident.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides a number of resources for motorcyclists, including information about helmet safety standards, rider safety programs and more.

The following motorcycle accident facts have been made available on the NHTSA website: In 2003, 3,661 motorcyclists died and approximately 67,000 were injured in highway crashes in the United States. Head injury is the leading cause of death in motorcycle crashes. The use of a helmet reduces the likelihood of a fatal crash by 37%. 20 states require helmet use for all motorcycle operators and passengers. Per mile traveled, a motorcyclist is approximately 32 times more likely to die in a crash than someone riding in an automobile.

If you or a loved one have been injured in a motorcycle accident please call **1.800.966.4999** and see why our firm has recovered over \$100 million on behalf of our clients.