

GEAR UP **FOR** SAFETY

✗ **Unprotected Head**

Florida law requires motorcycle riders and passengers under age 21 to wear a helmet. Riders under age 16 must wear helmets on scooters and mopeds less than 50cc.

✗ **Headphones**

It is illegal to wear headphones, headsets, or earphones in both ears while riding.

✗ **Unprotected Eyes**

Riding a motorcycle without eye protection is against the law.

✗ **Bare Hands, Arms, and Legs**

Expose you to debris, sunburn, and wind. Even regular jeans and clothes won't protect you from cuts or "road rash" in a crash.

✗ **Dark Clothing**

Makes you invisible to motorists and increases your chances of being hit by other vehicles.

✗ **Broken Headlights**

Daytime running lights are required on motorcycles and will turn on automatically when the motorcycle is running. A broken headlight reduces your visibility and increases your crash risk.

✗ **Open-Toed-Shoes**

Flip-flops, slides, and sandals expose feet to injuries from debris, and burns from the engine/exhaust.

Helmet ✓

A securely fastened USDOT-compliant helmet safeguards against severe brain injuries in a crash. It is the most essential gear for motorcycle, scooter, and moped riders.

Headsets ✓

Legal when installed in helmets where speaker do not come into direct contact with ears or hearing aids.

Eye Protection ✓

Required by law. Shatter-proof eye protection such as face shields or goggles can prevent eye injuries.

Protective Gear ✓

Clothing designed for motorcyclists can keep you safe from injury and shield you from the sun, wind, and rain.

Extra Headlights ✓

Additional lights or "ancillary" lights increase a motorcyclist's visibility to other motorists. By alerting others to your presence on the road, you reduce your chance of being involved in a crash.

Bright/Reflective Clothing ✓

Motorcyclists who are visible are less likely to have their right-of-way violated.

Boots ✓

Protect against foot and ankle injuries and provide grip for footrests and road surfaces.

> **Wearing a helmet reduces the risk of head injury by 69%.
Ride smart, and always wear your safety gear!**



Endorsement = Training

Riders are required by law to have a "motorcycle only" or "motorcycle also" license. **All endorsed riders improve their safety by taking a required Basic Rider Course.** If you are caught riding unendorsed, you will be arrested, and your motorcycle will be impounded.