

10 MOTORCYCLE MYTHS

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This month's article is about Motorcycle that we have heard. So, let's put the myths to rest:

1. You should lay your bike down if you are going to crash.

FALSE: You will slow down a lot faster if you keep "The Rubber on the Road" as well as use your breaks and you may be able to steer around the crash.

2. Race tires will make my bike faster, both going and stopping.

FALSE: Race tires only get better traction on clean, dry surfaces. They have to be warmed up at a hotter temperature than street tires to work best.

3. Motorcycles are smaller than cars and trucks so Police Radars won't be able to detect you.

FALSE: If a Radar can clock a baseball, it will have no problem clocking your speed.

4. It'll NEVER happen to me.

FALSE: It DID happen to me! I have pictures to prove it so always ride prepared with protective gear. Helmet, gloves, long pants, boots and your First Aid Kit.

5. ABS brakes will help me stop faster.

TRUE & FALSE: They help you control the tire from sliding and losing control. Most of us are not talented enough to apply the breaks right before lock-up. If we could, we could stop shorter than ABS, but you should always avoid that kind of test.

6. New tires come with a coating that can only be removed by riding them a few miles under inflated.

FALSE: This will damage the side wall of the tire causing premature failure.

7. 18-25 year old's are at the most risk of an injury or death in an accident.

FALSE: Novice riders, any age, are at the most risk of an injury or death in an accident.

8. Buy the bike of your dreams as your first bike.

TRUE: Ricky made me say that!! You should take a rider's course and find a bike you are most confident on. Make it a bike that you are not worried about dropping and easy to fix.

9. Because you ride a motorcycle, you are irresistible to women.

MAYBE: But only if you find that very special woman that has a Trike, then you've hit the jackpot. Judy made me say that!!

10. Is Harley Wes a Jedi Knight?

TRUE: But only when Joy lets him... LOL

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