

Alcohol and Motorcycling

Alcohol is a major contributor to motorcycle collisions, particularly fatal collisions. Studies show that 30-50% of all riders killed in motorcycle crashes had been drinking. Only one-third of those riders had a BAC above legal limits. The rest had only a few drinks in their systems, enough to impair their riding skills. Motorcyclists' abilities are impaired well before reaching the .08 BAC level. Riding "under the influence" of alcohol poses physical and legal hazards for every rider.

The following motorcycle crash statistics were compiled by the Ohio Department of Public Safety:

CRASH YEAR	MOTOR-CYCLE FATALITIES	% OF MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES - ALCOHOL RELATED	% OF MOTOR-CYCLE CRASHES - DRIVER IN ERROR
2007	189	38.62%	37.80%
2008	200	45.50%	46.50%
2009	164	43.90%	44.50%
2010	169	27.81%	48.54%
2011	165	41.20%	53.30%