



# Traffic Safety



**15 times more likely to be killed and injured than a car driver**



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## Motorcycle Safety

- Light weight + power = High Speed
- Car drivers are not familiar with behavior of bikes
- Motorcycle speed is more difficult to judge
- Stability depends mostly on skill of the driver
- Motorcycle has a narrower silhouette than a car
- No impact protection



*Signs that limit vision*



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- Most accidents happen **inside the city** with a speed of around 30 km/h
  - Think ahead, reduce / adjust your speed, eye contact, look out for the gap – take your eyes off the obstacle
  - Keep your distance, allow yourself maneuvering space
  - Be aware of **four** dead areas in the drivers back mirror



- Think ahead. Be prepared for emergency situations



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Most of the deadly accidents happen outside the city on country roads



- Forest Areas
- Dirty Roads from Farming Traffic
- Slow moving farm vehicles and vehicles entering/crossing main road from small side roads!!
- Vehicles suddenly pulling out and/or overtaking in opposite direction

- Slow down into the bend and accelerate out of it
- Pay attention that your body does not cross the dividing line – not only the bike
- Expect other cars/bikes to cut the bend





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## Low traction

brings danger of locked up front tire and crash

- E.g., due to water, oil, sand, gravel, ice, snow...anything other than dry pavement and your **tires** spells trouble
- Keep off of soft/slippery shoulders, you can easily lose control
- Steer smoothly, avoid high speed or sudden maneuvers





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## Riding in Groups



- Slowest rider in front, fastest rider is last
- Keep your distance
- Do not start overtaking -> group dynamics
- You're responsible for the rider in your mirror



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## Clothing





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The following **clothing** will be worn (AE Reg. 190-1):

- Boots: Leather boots or over the ankle shoes
- Jackets: Long sleeved shirt or jacket (Leather or Kevlar jackets with integrated elbow and back pads gives the best protection)
- Trousers: Leather or Kevlar trousers with integrated knee and hip pads give the best protection
- Gloves: Full fingered gloves
- High Visibility Garments (bright colored/reflective clothing)
- Approved Helmet
- Shatterproof eye protection



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- Riders must have a USAREUR Driver License
- Make yourself familiar with the bike if you have a new one or after a layoff
- Think ahead
- Wear appropriate **protective clothing**
- Wear an approved\* and properly fastened **helmet**
- Always ride with the headlight on
- No use of headphones or earphones while driving
- Complete a **riders safety training**
- Prepare at the beginning of each new season by practicing on roads with low traffic
- Ride defensively !!!!

\*Helmet must comply with either US (DOT, Snell) or EC (ECE-R 22) standard.