

Are You Ready to Ride?

As part of the Skilled Rider Course we go over preparation in being ready to ride. The four preps are 1) motorcycle, 2) size and fit, 3) protective gear and 4) mental attitude.

You can reduce risks and increase enjoyment of riding by making sure your trusty Harley is in good condition and ready for the journey. The main thing is, make sure your ride has been properly maintained and inspected, in other words serviced. If you're carrying a passenger and/or luggage there's additional things to check, like tire air pressure, suspension and securing packs.

It doesn't matter if you're taking a day ride or long trip; make sure you're comfortable on your Harley. The riding position feels good and controls can be easily reached and operated without discomfort or too much effort.

We all know about protective gear and the value of good gear. Experience and wisdom tells you what to wear or pack in case riding conditions change. Wear and pack the gear required.

Mental attitude means you're in the right frame of mind and ready to ride, without distractions and focused on safety. Inattentive motorist is a big factor in crashes, especially at intersections; the same applies to motorcyclists, so you need to be in right frame of mind so you can watch out for hazards.

Learn to manage your risks by reducing the factors that contribute to crashes by being prepared.

"Safety doesn't happen by accident." ~Author Unknown

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