

# MOTORCYCLING IN KANSAS



## How do I get a motorcycle license in Kansas?

- ◇ You can get your Instruction Permit at 14 with your parents' permission, which means you must ride with another rider who has their Class M endorsement. You can drive on highways at 15, and get a full Class M endorsement on your license at 16.
- ◇ You must pass a vision test, written test, and on-cycle test administered by the Kansas Department of Revenue.

## What are the Kansas laws about riding a motorcycle?

- ◇ If you're under 18, you must wear a helmet.
- ◇ You must wear eye protection unless your motorcycle has a windshield that is at least 10 inches tall. Any passenger under 18 must wear eye protection.
- ◇ You must have a Class M Driver's License (if you don't have a license, it could mean up to \$1,000 in fines and/or up to 6 months in jail.)
- ◇ Lane splitting (riding in the space between vehicles) is illegal.

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## **Where can I learn to ride a motorcycle in Kansas?**

- ◇ **A list of riding schools can be found at [ktsro.org/motorcycle-safety](https://ktsro.org/motorcycle-safety).**

## **Is there financial assistance for attending a motorcycle safety class?**

- ◇ **Yes! If you complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Rider Course, you can get a \$50 reimbursement from the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office.**

## **What are the stats about motorcycle crashes in Kansas?**

- ◇ **While motorcycle crashes made up only 1% of crashes in Kansas in 2021, they were involved in 7% of fatal crashes.**
- ◇ **The 869 motorcycle crashes that happened in 2021 in Kansas injured 766 people and killed 46 motorcyclists.**
- ◇ **61% of the people who died in motorcycle crashes in Kansas in 2021 were not wearing a helmet.**

## **What about riding trikes, scooters, motorized bicycles, or mopeds?**

- ◇ **You have to have a class M license to operate a trike. The testing will be done on a trike and your license will be restricted to trike operation only.**
- ◇ **If you obtained your class M license by passing a test on a two-wheeled motorcycle, you may operate a trike.**
- ◇ **Moped driving requires a moped license (which you can get at 15), not a class M endorsement.**
- ◇ **You do not need a Class M license or insurance to operate a motorized bicycle, which in Kansas law means a device with 49cc or less that has two tandem wheels or three wheels and is propelled by human power and/or a helper motor which has: (1) A motor which produces not more than 3.5 brake horsepower; (2) a cylinder capacity of not more than 130 cubic centimeters; (3) an automatic transmission; and (4) the capability of a maximum design speed of no more than 30 miles per hour.**

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