

# 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 1.7% of crashes in Kansas in 2024, they were involved in 11% of fatal crashes.
- ◇ The 1,015 motorcycle crashes that happened in 2024 in Kansas injured 934 people and killed 54 people.
- ◇ 57% of the people who died in motorcycle crashes in Kansas in 2024 were not wearing a helmet.

## What about riding trikes, scooters, motorized, bicycle, 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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