

# TCLOCS

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation developed TCLOCS, a pre-ride checklist that helps you take care of your ride so your ride can better take care of you.



## TIRES

Check air pressure, wheels, brakes and spokes.



## CONTROLS

Check levers, hoses, cables and throttle.



## LIGHTS and electrical switches

Make sure all are working properly.



## OIL and fluids

Check oil, coolant and hydraulics. Look for leaks.



## CHASSIS

Check drivetrain, chain and suspension. If you add a passenger, adjust accordingly.



## SIDE STAND (kickstand)

Make sure spring and stand operate reliably.

**TAKE DELAWARE'S MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSE AND TAKE 10% OFF YOUR INSURANCE.**

**RIDE SAFE. RIDE SMART.**

[ArriveAliveDE.com/Motorcycle](http://ArriveAliveDE.com/Motorcycle)



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## TAKE YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY SERIOUSLY. TAKE A TRAINING COURSE.

From 2012 to 2016, a total of 1,228 Delaware motorcyclists crashed. More than half were middle-aged men—many on their first touring bike, or returning to riding after a long layoff. Their inexperience or lack of judgment cost them their safety—and for some, their lives. Delaware's motorcycle safety course costs only about \$50.

So respect your ride and take the course. You'll learn about starting and stopping safely, street strategies to avoid disaster, maneuvering in all riding conditions, and more. Completing the course also saves you 10% on your bike's liability insurance. Learn more at [ArriveAliveDE.com/Motorcycle](http://ArriveAliveDE.com/Motorcycle).

**RESPECT**  
~your~  
**RIDE**

Safer motorcycle rides start with these tips.



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# Dress for the crash. Not the ride.

**Helmet:** DOT-approved.

**Eyewear:** Protective goggles, riding glasses or face shield.

**Jacket:** Leather, sturdy denim or reinforced fabric, with back, elbow and shoulder pads.

**Gloves:** Leather or reinforced fabric, preferably with upper-hand protection.

**Pants:** Leather, sturdy denim or reinforced fabric, with kneepads.

**Boots:** Motorcycle-type or heavy work boots.



## GET A MOTORCYCLE PERMIT OR LICENSE.

It is illegal to operate a motorcycle in Delaware without first obtaining a learner's permit or motorcycle endorsement on your license. For details, visit [dmv.de.gov](http://dmv.de.gov).

## ALCOHOL AND MOTORCYCLES DON'T MIX.

- Never ride buzzed or drunk.
- Park your bike if you're going to drink.
- Let a designated driver take you home.
- Get your bike the next day.

## TAKE CURVES SLOWER—AND LIVE.

- In turns, excess speed can kill.
- Begin braking before entering turns.
- Slower in, safer out is the smarter way.

## SHARE THE ROAD.

US DOT statistics say motorcyclists are 34 times more likely to die in a crash than motorists. So share the road with cars and trucks, and:

- Stay out of their blind spots.
- Wear bright-colored riding gear for visibility.
- Don't split lanes, ride on shoulders or ride side by side.
- Don't expect drivers to see you; many are distracted.
- Use extra caution at intersections.

## BE VIGILANT FOR THESE RIDING HAZARDS.

- Loose sand, gravel and road debris.
- Slippery or wet surfaces.
- Railroad crossings and metal bridges.
- Uneven and grooved surfaces.

## KEEP YOUR EYES—AND MIND—ON THE ROAD.

Motorcycling is inherently dangerous. You're perched on two wheels, not planted on four. Don't let your eyes or mind wander. Focus solely on the circumstances surrounding you, constantly scanning ahead for the unexpected, and have an escape plan ready to enact immediately. You'll be more likely to arrive alive.