

What are the Most Common Motorcycle Accident Causes?

Although [motorcycle accidents](#) can occur for a variety of reasons, one fact remains true in virtually all cases: a motorcycle crash is a violent event. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ([NHTSA](#)), “More than 80 percent of all reported motorcycle crashes result in injury or death to the motorcyclist,” with bikers commonly being ejected from their motorcycle or forcibly striking objects in their path.

The lack of protection that motorcycles provide to riders during an accident can lead to [catastrophic](#) or potentially [fatal injuries](#). Some of the most common motorcycle accident injuries include:

- Traumatic brain injuries (TBI)
- Broken bones/bone fractures
- Neck/back/spinal cord injuries
- Paralysis (paraplegia/quadriplegia)
- Wrongful death
- Facial/dental/jaw injuries
- Road rash

One factor that’s sure to increase the likelihood of a motorcycle accident? Drugs and alcohol. According to the [most recent government data](#), alcohol was involved in an incredible 25% of all fatal motorcycle crashes, the highest rate of any group of drivers. In addition to drug and alcohol use, the most common motorcycle accident causes are:

- Rider inexperience
- Unsafe road conditions/stationary objects
- [Motor vehicle](#) drivers failing to see motorcyclists
- Reckless driving by other motorists
- Failing to avoid a crash

Wearing the right gear won’t prevent you from being in a wreck, but it COULD save your life. Experienced bikers know that to stay safe they must “[dress for the slide, not the ride](#).” Protective gear, including a certified helmet, boots, gloves, and jackets/pants/suits made of strong materials, should be worn at all times—even a “quick trip” can end with a biker becoming another crash statistic if they are not wearing the proper gear.

Once a motorcycle accident occurs, a personal injury lawyer becomes an accident victim’s best chance at making a full recovery. A motorcycle accident attorney can protect the strength of your claim and get you access to the best medical care available, all while negotiating a settlement with the insurance company on your behalf.

Don’t wait to contact the attorneys at Wilshire Law Firm—waiting may harm your claim and prevent you from making a full and fair recovery. For exceptional results without compromise, get started with your FREE case consultation today by calling Wilshire Law Firm at (800) 522-7274, or fill out our [online contact form](#).