

Ride **Smart.** Drive **Smart.**

Motorcyclists and other drivers sharing the road safely.

Motorcycle fatalities have risen steadily statewide over the last three years. In 2008, there were 216 fatalities.

PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS A SAFER RIDING SEASON.

Driving and riding responsibly is about being aware of whose lives you have in your hands — literally — when you are in control of a motorcycle or car. State troopers want you to remember you only have one chance to be aware of your surroundings. Don't ruin that one chance and risk ending your life or someone else's.

Immediately report aggressive or drunk drivers to your nearest Patrol Post or call 1-877-7-PATROL.



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Motorcycle Safety Checks | CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT

These safety checks can ensure a safe and enjoyable ride!

1. A few minutes inspecting your motorcycle prior to your trip can make all the difference. Before each trip:
 - Check handlebars for cracks, proper tension
 - Inspect handlebar controls: clutch, brake, stop engine switch
 - Check tire pressure and tread depth
 - Check tires for cracks and bulges
 - Check brake fluid level
 - Check for any fluid leaks
 - Make sure seat and footrests are secure
 - Make sure lights and horn are operational
 - Make sure the roadways you choose to ride are compatible with your motorcycle and skill level
2. Motorcycle helmets and protective clothing can reduce or eliminate the possibility of serious injuries in a crash. Please don't ride without them.

This information is courtesy of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's troopers in the Cambridge District.

Remember to always Ride Trained, Ride Licensed and Ride Sober.