

Did You Know...

Starting July 1 2008, new motorcyclists must take and pass the Basic Rider Course through the Florida Rider Trainer Program before they can have the motorcycle endorsement added to their license, per Section 322.12(5)(a)., Florida Statutes.

What do I need to do to obtain a Motorcycle only License?

- Be at least 16 years old, and if under 18, hold a Learner's License for one year with no traffic convictions.
- Pass the same knowledge test as for a regular Class E operator's driver license.
- You must complete the basic motorcycle safety course.
- After you complete the course go to a driver license office or tax collector office that issues licenses and inform them that you completed the course. Upon providing proper ID and paying the required endorsements fees your license will be issued with a motorcycle endorsement.

Your license will be restricted to operating "Motorcycles Only."

Remember, vehicle drivers don't always see motorcyclists in their blind spots.



For more information, contact:

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Motorcycles and what you need to know



OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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316.211. Equipment for motorcycle and moped riders

(3) (a) This section does not apply to persons riding within an enclosed cab or to any person 16 years of age or older who is operating or riding upon a motorcycle powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less or is rated not in excess of 2 brake horsepower and which is not capable of propelling such motorcycle at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour on level ground.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a person over 21 years of age may operate or ride upon a motorcycle without wearing protective headgear securely fastened upon his or her head if such person is covered by an insurance policy providing for at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for injuries incurred as a result of a crash while operating or riding on a motorcycle.

(4) No person under 16 years of age shall operate or ride upon a moped unless the person is properly wearing protective headgear securely fastened upon his or her head which complies with standards established by the department.

By Florida Law, eye protection must be worn at all times when operating a motorcycle. Helmet shields are considered eye protection.

Traffic Laws to consider...

Note: Fine amounts subject to change annually.

Speeding

6-9 MPH Over Limit \$123.00
10-14 MPH Over Limit \$198.00
15-19 MPH Over Limit \$248.00
20-29 MPH Over Limit \$273.00

30 MPH or More Over Limit =
Mandatory Court Appearance
(\$348.00 Minimum Mandatory Fine)

50 MPH or More Over Limit
Mandatory Court Appearance
(\$1,098.00 Minimum Mandatory)

Improper Riding, Astride a Motorcycle/Moped when wheels lose contact with ground.

1st Offense \$1,158.00 Fine
2nd Offense \$2,658.00 Fine

Motorcycle or Moped Tag improperly affixed.

1st Offense \$1,158.00 Fine
2nd Offense \$2,658.00 Fine

*Note: All violations involve:
The issuance of a Uniform Traffic Citation, a mandatory court date, and/or arrest.*



Remember, being a smart, safe and observant motorcyclist is the key to many fun rides.