



Dear Michigan Motorcyclist,

Motorcyclists are out on Michigan roadways enjoying the ride. Riders agree that there's nothing like the freedom and excitement of operating a motorcycle on the open road. Let's make sure that motorists and motorcyclists alike are sharing the road safely.

As part of the effort to help keep you safe when riding, I am pleased to present this latest edition of the Michigan Motorcycle Operator Manual. Whether you're a novice or an experienced rider, or looking to obtain your motorcycle endorsement, this manual provides the information you seek.

Consider the following statistic: In 2015, about 76 percent of all motorcycle crashes resulted in injury or death to the motorcyclist. As you will discover when reading this manual, three of the most important actions you can take to keep yourself safe are to get trained, get endorsed and wear the proper safety gear. When choosing safety gear, select items that heighten your visibility on the road.

The Michigan Motorcycle Operator Manual is one of many motorcycling resources that the Michigan Rider Education Program (Mi-REP) provides. Overseen by the Secretary of State's Office, Mi-REP administers 32 training sponsors, 78 training sites and more than 200 Rider Coaches. Since 2011, more than 58,000 riders have successfully completed a motorcycle rider education class. Whether you are a beginner looking to learn the basics of riding or an experienced motorcyclist seeking to improve your riding skills, there is a motorcycle rider education class for you.

In addition to being your Secretary of State, I'm also a fellow rider. I bought my first motorcycle when I was a teenager and have loved riding ever since. I encourage motorcyclists to join with me in promoting greater safety on the road by being properly licensed and endorsed, never riding under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and obeying all traffic laws. Ride safe to ride again.

Sincerely,

Ruth A. Johnson
Secretary of State

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Although this publication includes information about Michigan traffic laws, it is not meant as a legal document or as a substitute for the Michigan Vehicle Code. Information in this publication is subject to change.

This manual is a supplement to Michigan's driver manual which covers rules of the road, signs, signals, roadway markings and safe driving practices.

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