

WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES

HERE'S WHY YOU NEED TO BE ACTIVELY ALERT.   **FOR MOTORCYCLES.**



If you are involved in a collision with a motorcycle, no matter who is at fault, it is likely the motorcyclist will be seriously injured or killed. Over 80 percent of reported motorcycle crashes result in injury or death, compared to roughly 25 percent for passenger vehicles crashes. *[Source: MDT 2007-2011 data.]*



Per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists are 25 times more likely to die in a traffic crash than a passenger car occupant. *[Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.]*



Motorcycle fatalities represent approximately 13 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities in Montana. *[Source: MDT 2007-2011 data.]*



Over the last five years, less than 20 percent of motorcycle crashes in Montana resulted in no injuries.



Fatal crashes can happen anywhere and at any speed. Almost 10 percent of all Montana fatal motorcycle crashes were on local streets. *[Source: MDT 2006-2010 data.]*



If you are a driver in a vehicle-related motorcycle crash and your negligence or inattention is found to be the cause of the collision, you could be the subject of a substantial personal injury lawsuit and possible criminal penalties.



Motorcycle crashes represent a relatively small proportion of Montana's total crashes, but contribute a considerable share of Montana's fatal and injury crashes. Over the last ten years, motorcycle crashes comprised around 10 to 20 percent of the state's severe injury crashes and roughly five percent of all non-severe injury crashes. This is significant since motorcycles are only on the road about half the year. *[Source: MDT 2002-2011 data.]*