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## **July Newsletter**

At Aramjoo Law Firm, motorcycle safety is something that is very important to us. Motorcycle riding is an elating experience for many individuals. However, is it crucial to be informed of the risks to further protect yourself and others.

In Missouri alone, MODOT shows 61 fatal motorcycle accidents from January 2023 to July 2023. In 2020, Missouri repealed its all-rider helmet law, allowing motorcyclists age 26 and older to ride without a helmet. This number of fatal accidents have increased by over 50% since this helmet law revision. In 2022, data indicates there were 153 motorcyclist fatalities in Missouri, 73 of which were unhelmeted. This alarming trend emphasizes the importance of understanding and addressing motorcycle safety on our roads.

## Events

Don't miss the 12th Annual Craft Beer Crawl - Dog Days of Summer, this weekend to support Historic Downtown Liberty! It is sure to be a fun



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As a personal injury law firm, we strongly advocate for the protection and well-being of riders. We encourage all riders, to protect yourselves and wear a helmet. These numbers show this is not a light matter. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shares the following safety reminders:

## Important Safety Reminders

- For Motorcyclists:
- Wearing a helmet is the single most effective way to protect yourself from a head injury. Use a
  motorcycle helmet for every ride, and ensure your passengers also use a helmet.

Make sure your helmet has a valid U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) label; the label means the helmet meets the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards – this is also known as the FMVSS 218 standard. Novelty helmets without this label may not meet the same standard and will not provide the best protection needed in a crash.



· Check the fit of your helmet to ensure optimal protection

- Wear protective gear like a sturdy jacket, pants, boots, and gloves; safety gear provide protection in case
  of falls or crashes, and improves comfort during the ride.
- Make yourself visible by using high-visibility colors and retro-reflective materials to maximize the ability
  of drivers to see you.
- Motorcycle riding requires full attention, skill, and coordination. Avoid combining riding with drinking alcohol or using other impairing drugs.

## For Drivers:

- Always be on the look-out for motorcyclists.
- A motorcycle's smaller size means it can be hidden in your vehicle's blind spot.
- A motorcycle's size and narrow profile can make it difficult to judge its distance and speed. Take extra
  care when judging when to turn or merge.
- Keep a safe distance from the motorcycle in front of you; motorcyclists can slow their motorcycles by downshifting instead of using their brakes. This means the brake lights won't come on.
- Remember that motorcyclists sometimes change positions in their lane to avoid debris on the road.

Scholarship Award Winner!





**Quote of the Month:** 





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