

# Motorcycle Riders

Motorcycle riding in Devon remains as popular as ever. Whether bikes are used for recreational or commuting, Devon County Council recognises the benefits that biking brings to the area. However, although bike casualties have been falling over recent years, they still remain proportionally high compared to other road users.

Motorcycle crashes can crudely be placed into two areas. Either, where the motorcyclist is at fault or where a second party has been seen to be at fault.

In Devon, there are four common crash scenarios, which make up a high proportion of overall crashes. These are:

1. Crashes on bends.
2. Poor overtaking manoeuvres.
3. Vehicles emerging from junctions into the path of the motorcyclists with the right of way.
4. Motorcyclist travelling in urban traffic, such as filtering.

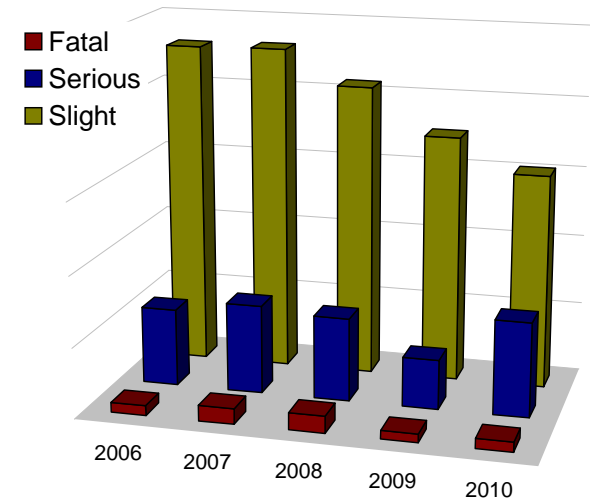
There are various issues relating to bike crashes. They range from machine size, road layout, weather, time of day and seasons. Age and inexperience of the rider are particularly important. Fewer than 20% of motorcyclists are under 30 years old but represent half of all rider casualties. Males on high powered sports bikes are also particularly vulnerable and account for a high proportion of motorcycle crashes.

Devon County Council is keen to promote the safe and sensible use of motorcycles. This means creating an environment that makes Devon's roads more accommodating for motorcycles, whilst at the same time reducing the numbers of riders being killed and injured.

To ensure that motorcycle crashes continue to fall, it is essential that we carry on working closely with our partners. Therefore, strong links have been formed with the Police, other councils, bike shops, groups, trainers and advanced riding groups, as well as national organizations.

We're also keen to hear your thoughts on how Devon's roads can improved for motorcyclists. To have your say or ask a question, email [bikers@devon.gov.uk](mailto:bikers@devon.gov.uk)

**Devon Casualty Data:  
Motorcycle Riders and Pillion**



	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Fatal	7	11	12	6	7
Serious	55	63	59	35	67
Slight	230	231	207	175	152

Data is provided by Devon & Cornwall Police. This data only includes the collisions that have been recorded by the Police and not any where details were exchanged and Police not informed

Further information:

[www.devon.gov.uk/bikers](http://www.devon.gov.uk/bikers)

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[www.devon.gov.uk/motorcycle\\_safety\\_research](http://www.devon.gov.uk/motorcycle_safety_research)

See the latest videos of commentated rides looking at how to avoid common bike crashes at:  
[www.maxrider.co.uk](http://www.maxrider.co.uk)

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[www.devon.gov.uk/road\\_safety](http://www.devon.gov.uk/road_safety)