

# R I D E S A F E

Whether you are a new rider or an experienced one, We are all about riding safely and being prepared. The purpose of this page is to get you headed in that direction and perhaps even answer some questions you did not know you had. Feel free to contact our Safety officer at [safety@motorcityhog.com](mailto:safety@motorcityhog.com) or the head road captain at [roadcaptain@motorcityhog.com](mailto:roadcaptain@motorcityhog.com) with other questions or concerns that may present themselves.

You should **dress appropriately** when you are riding. If you are uncomfortable or even unprotected it can distract you and others putting you and those others at risk.

### BASIC SUGGESTED GEAR:

Long sleeves/Jacket

Long pants

Over the ankle boots

Protective eyewear

Gloves DOT approved helmet

Rain Gear

(NOTE: ALL GEAR should fit appropriately. Do not wear other peoples gear unless you are the same fit. It should also be current and not outdated. Old gear can deteriorate creating lack of protection. Gear comes in a variety of types including rain, heated and cooling so you can adjust for the climates and seasons)

## — MOTORCYCLE WINDCHILL CHART —

Wind chill chart courtesy of — [UNIONGARAGENYC.COM](http://UNIONGARAGENYC.COM) —

### TEMPERATURE (FAHRENHEIT)

STOPPED	50°F	45°F	40°F	35°F	30°F	25°F	20°F	15°F	10°F	5°F	0°F
5	48	42	36	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11
10	46	40	34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16
15	45	38	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19
20	44	37	30	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22
25	43	36	29	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24
30	42	35	28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26
35	42	35	28	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27
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85	38	30	23	15	8	0	-7	-15	-22	-30	-37
90	37	30	22	15	7	0	-8	-15	-23	-30	-38
95	37	29	22	14	7	-1	-8	-16	-23	-31	-38
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SPEED (MPH)

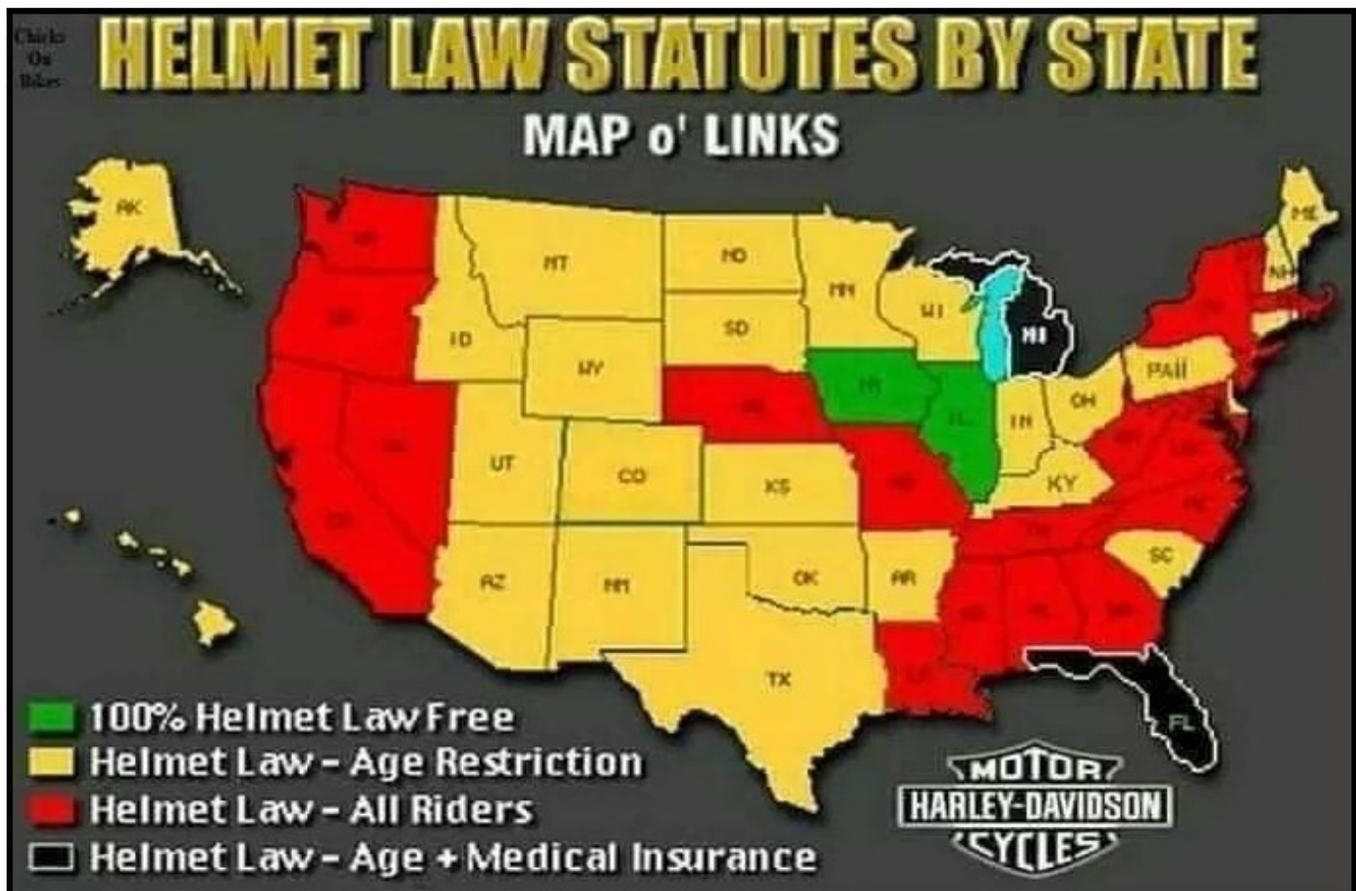
BEARABLE (with good gloves)

UNCOMFORTABLE

STUPID / FROSTBITE

# The Helmet

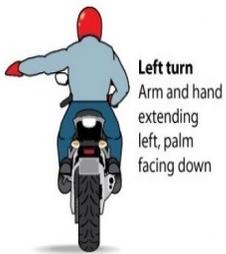
Why is a helmet is called helmet? A helmet is a form of protective gear worn to protect the head from injuries. More specifically, a helmet aids the skull in protecting the human brain. The word helmet is diminutive from helm, a medieval word for protective combat headgear.



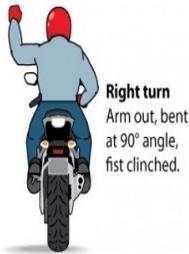
**Wearing a helmet** while riding a **motorcycle** reduces the risk of death by 37% and reduces the risk of head injuries by 69%. It is important for motorcyclists to understand the risks of riding without a **helmet**. Riders who do not **wear helmets** are at risk of suffering a traumatic brain injury if they are in an accident. Without protection, the head is vulnerable to a traumatic impact in an accident even when traveling at low speeds. Do motorcycle helmets save lives? NHTSA estimates that **helmets saved the lives** of 1,870 **motorcyclists** in 2017 and that 750 more **lives** in all states could have been **saved** if all **motorcyclists** had worn **helmets**. Not every state requires helmets to be worn but you should check with your insurance company, while some states may have an “optional helmet law” the insurance may have clauses where coverage is limited or nonexistent in the absence of wearing one.

# WHAT WAS THAT SIGN?!?

HAND SIGNALS are very common practice when riding on a motorcycle both solo and in a group ride. They are a way to communicate with each other as well as other drivers what the rider's intentions are going to be. Below are the most common hand signals you will see used.



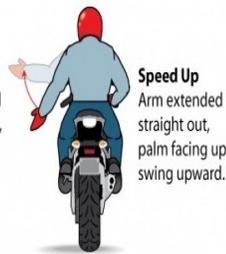
**Left turn**  
Arm and hand extending left, palm facing down



**Right turn**  
Arm out, bent at 90° angle, fist clenched.



**Stop**  
Arm extended straight down, palm facing back.



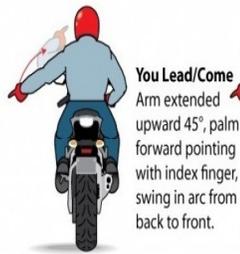
**Speed Up**  
Arm extended straight out, palm facing up, swing upward.



**Slow Down**  
Arm extended straight out, palm facing down, swing down to your side.



**Follow Me**  
Arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward.



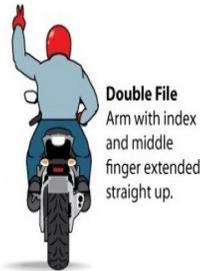
**You Lead/Come**  
Arm extended upward 45°, palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front.



**Hazard in Roadway**  
On the left, point with left hand; on the right, point with right foot.



**Single File**  
Arm and index finger extended straight up.



**Double File**  
Arm with index and middle finger extended straight up.



**Comfort Stop**  
Forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion.



**Refreshment Stop**  
Fingers closed, thumb to mouth.



**Turn Signal On**  
Open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended.



**Pull Off**  
Arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder.



**Cops Ahead**  
Tap on top of helmet with open palm down.



**Fuel**  
Arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended.

## WAVE HELLO TO A FELLOW RIDER



Some hand signals are simply a nice way to let other riders know you noticed them and waved hello. In this way, you show respect and appreciation to a member of the motorcycle community



This sounds like an ODD thing to remember, but you ALSO WANT to CHECK YOUR BIKE before EACH RIDE to ensure you are not going to be caught off guard or stranded opposed to ENJOYING the BREEZE

**DONT FORGET The T-CLOCS!!!**

**T-TIRES/WHEELS**

**C-CONTROLS**

**L-LIGHTS & ELECTRICAL**

**O-OIL & FLUIDS**

**C-CHASSIS**

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