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## 'Rebel' motorcyclists should be sure to play by the book

otorcyclists may have a rebel image, but operating one of L these machines gives you the responsibility to play strictly by the books.

 Most provinces have a separate license test that you must complete before you can ride a motorcycle. Check your ministry of transport. Motorcycles operate and respond differently from automobiles. It pays to take a motorcycle riding course as the first step toward

becoming an expert rider.

 When you're in the market for a motorcycle your best bet is a dependable and established retailer. They'll have all the paperwork to ensure the motorcycle is certified, just like a car. If you're buying the motorcycle secondhand from an individual, you must get it safety checked first. Ask the seller for past ownership and maintenance records too. Remember, if the price is too good to be true, it probably is.

· Take the vehicle out for a test drive, paying particular attention to the cornering, steering, brakes and tires. You have to feel comfortable with the overall condition and the way it handles.

 Be aware of and obey all the rules of the road. They apply the same way to motorcycles as to other vehicles, including the rules of drinking and driving. In case of an accident, motorcyclists don't have the physical protection offered by an enclosed vehicle, placing an extra burden to be safe.

Dress appropriately every time you

ride, starting with a helmet that fits and is secured with a chin strip. While a helmet can save your life in a mishap, a jacket, full length pants, boots and gloves can save your skin-from serious cuts and burns that is.

 Though you can't read the minds of other drivers, you can keep alert. In multi-vehicle accidents involving a motorcycle and car, the most common mistake is failing to yield the right of way.

• Learn from other motorcyclists' fatal mistakes. Upwards of half of all motorcyclists involved in fatal accidents were speeding. Keep to the speed limit, adjusting your speed for the road, traffic and weather conditions, and for night time driving.

 At night, it is more difficult to see and be seen. Increase your visibility, and your chances of survival, by wearing light coloured clothing with reflective material. You can also make your bike more visible by attaching reflectors or reflective tape.

· As with any motor vehicle, keep our bike in top workingorder. A significant number of motorcycles involved in fatal accidents had obvious defects, the most common being insufficient tire tread.

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