

Nevada promoting motorcycle safety

Nevada saw a 39 percent jump in motorcycle fatalities from 2012 to 2013. Fifty-three people died last year.

May is Motorcycle Safety Month in Nevada.

Nevada crash data shows the most common factors involved in fatal crashes are speed, rider inexperience and alcohol. Those most often involved in a crash are riders younger than 25 and older than 50.

Officials say: always wear a DOT-compliant helmet, eye protection, gloves, riding jacket and sturdy shoes or boots. Be seen by wearing high-visibility riding gear, ride within the speed limit and stay out of the blind spots of cars and trucks.

Motorcyclists may also take part in safe rider education programs. Class schedules, locations and fees may be found online.