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EACH YEAR IN MARYLAND, MORE THAN 70 MOTORCYCLE RIDERS AND PASSENGERS ARE KILLED IN TRAFFIC CRASHES AND ALMOST 1,000 RIDERS AND PASSENGERS ARE INJURED.

Educational Tips for Motorcycle Safety

- **When riding a motorcycle:**
  - Wear proper gear — it's your best defense in the event of a crash.
  - Always make yourself visible.
  - Signal your intentions to drivers.
  - Learn to ride safely and seek additional motorcycle training when available.
  - Give yourself time and space to react.

- **When driving a vehicle, it's critical to look out for motorcyclists:**
  - Look twice before turning or changing lanes.
  - Remember that motorcycles are smaller than cars and riders are more vulnerable.
  - Minimize and check your blind spots.

Maryland's Motorcycle Laws

- **(TR 21-1306) A person may not operate a motorcycle in Maryland unless:**
  - The individual is wearing protective headgear (helmet) that meets the established standards for such equipment (DOT-approved).
  - They are wearing an approved eye-protective device, or the motorcycle is equipped with a windscreen.

- **To drive a motorcycle in Maryland, drivers need a Class M license.**

- **Anyone under the age of 18 must complete the Maryland Motorcycle Safety Program's Basic Rider Course before applying for a motorcycle license.**

- **Lane splitting is illegal in Maryland.**