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**Dear Student:**

Welcome to the Florida Safety Council Motorcycle Safety Training Program. We thank you for your interest in motorcycle safety and hope your experience will be pleasant and informative. The Florida Safety Council, the State of Florida and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation will work together with you to make you a better and safer rider, because "The more you know, the better it gets."

The *Basic Rider Course* (BRC) is approximately 16 hours, including breaks. Actual times may vary due to a variety of factors. Students **must** attend all of the course hours. **Students who do not attend all of the class sessions or arrive late will be dropped from the class and will incur a rescheduling fee, as outline in the reschedule policy.**

Students **must** also pass both the written exam and riding skills evaluation to receive the Motorcycle Safety Foundation completion card. **Any student not passing the written test or skills evaluation must retake the failed test or evaluation (at no additional charge) within 60 days of the initial test or evaluation (but not on the same day).** Once a student successfully completes the course, The Florida Safety Council will electronically notify the Dept. of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles of their completion within 48 hours. The student may then, go to the driver's license office and get their motorcycle endorsement placed on their license with no additional testing. Students who have held a valid learner's driver license for at least a year and have satisfied all the other requirements for obtaining a driver license, with the exception of taking the automobile road test, may go to the driver license facility and receive a "motorcycle only" license.

There are four basic requirements that students **must** meet before taking the motorcycle safety course.

1. **Must** be able to ride a bicycle.
2. **Must** be at least 16 years of age.
3. **Must** have a valid driver license or learner's driver license.
4. **Must** sign, or if under 18, have a parent or legal guardian sign the waiver.

The Florida Safety Council and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation are not responsible for any physical injuries or health complications that occur as a result of this program.

During the riding portions of the class you will be exposed to a certain degree of physical activity including, but not limited to pushing, mounting, dismounting, shifting and balancing a motorcycle. You will also be exposed to the elements, including direct sunlight, wind, rain and heat radiating from the pavement and motorcycle engine. If you feel that this physical activity might be a problem, please contact our office to discuss, in greater detail, the physical aspects of the program.

You will be required to wear certain protective clothing/gear before mounting a motorcycle or performing range exercises, some of which you must provide. Students without the proper

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protective clothing/gear will not be allowed to continue and will incur a rescheduling fee, as outline in the reschedule policy.

Required gear includes: (not required during the classroom sessions)

- **A DOT approved helmet** (provided by the Safety Council. You may use your own helmet if it is DOT approved and in good condition.)
- **Eye protection** (Eyeglasses, sunglasses and goggles are all acceptable. The Safety Council has a limited supply of safety glasses if needed.)
- **Full-fingered gloves** (The Safety Council has a limited supply of cloth gloves if needed.)
- **A long sleeve shirt or jacket.**
- **Non-flare full-length pants** (denim or other material of similar durability)
- **Closed toe footwear** (high enough to cover your ankles.)

*You may also wish to bring rain gear, as you may be riding in the rain.*

The Safety Council provides motorcycles for your use in this course and no students' motorcycles will be allowed on the range.

Although this motorcycle safety course is designed for beginning students, due to its nature, students will be expected to maintain pace with the rest of the class. On occasion, remedial coaching may prove ineffective, and students who have not progressed with the pace of the class or have created hazardous conditions by their riding may be asked to withdraw from the class and repeat portions at a later date. Please be assured that this is not personal in nature, but is for the safety of all involved. In this event, the Ridercoach will complete a form outlining the reasons for the withdrawal the parts of the class the student should retake. The student may then contact the Safety Council office at (407) 897-4437 to schedule another class. There is a fee associated with rescheduling.

Any student who intentionally commits an unsafe act on the range, is disruptive, fails to follow directions of the Ridercoach(s), or is believed to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol will immediately be expelled from class with no possibility of refund or rescheduling.

Students with disabilities or special learning needs should make those clear to the instructor during the first classroom session. Students who require additional assistance from someone other than the Ridercoach, such as an interpreter or signer, must contact the Motorcycle Program Manager, in advance, to make arrangements for that person to be present in class.

## **RESCHEDULING POLICY**

If, for any reason, **BEFORE** your class begins, you wish to **reschedule**, the following shall apply:

- Notifying the Safety Council six (6) or more days prior to the start of your first class session will result in a \$25 rescheduling fee.
- ***Notifying the Safety Council on the day your class starts, or if a student is late to class, misses a class session, or is dismissed from class for not bringing the required riding gear for riding sessions, the student has 5 business days from their original class start date to reschedule the course with a \$75 rescheduling fee. Rescheduling beyond this point would result in a forfeiture of all monies paid, and will require payment of the full class fee to reschedule.***
- The rescheduling fee is only applicable for the *first* reschedule. If the student misses the subsequent class they will forfeit all money paid and will be required to pay the full class fee to reschedule.
- Students who are asked by the RiderCoach to withdraw from class, or who withdraw from class due to health related issues (must provide documentation), must contact the Motorcycle Program office, at 407.897.4441, within 15 days of the date of withdrawal and pay a \$50 rescheduling fee. Students failing to reschedule within 15 days will forfeit all money paid and will be required to pay the full class fee to reschedule.
- ***In the event a class is cancelled due to weather, students must contact the Motorcycle Program office, at (407) 897-4441, within 15 business days to reschedule without incurring a rescheduling fee.***
- Students who fail the knowledge and/or skill evaluation (s) will be allowed ***one free retest***, which must be completed within 60 days of the original test date. Failing to take a retest within the 60 days, or failing the retest itself, will result in having to retake the entire course for the full fee.

## **REFUND POLICY**

If, for any reason, you wish a **refund**, the following shall apply:

- Notifying the Safety Council **10 or more days** prior to the start of your first class will result in the Safety Council retaining a \$25 processing fee and refunding the remainder of your registration fees to you.
- Except in the case of a medical emergency, for which you can produce documents from a doctor or medical facility, notifying the Safety Council less than **10 days prior** to the start of your first class, will result in the forfeiture of all monies paid.

***Students who withdraw, or are asked to withdraw from a class after the class has begun, for any reason other than rescheduling recommended by the instructor, due to performance or health related issues, or a documented medical emergency, shall forfeit all monies paid.***

Between now and the beginning of your first class, we encourage you to visit one or more motorcycle dealerships, even if you already own a motorcycle. During your visits you will be exposed to the latest in motorcycling technology and safety. Closely inspect the motorcycles and safety equipment in each dealership, and feel free to ask the dealer representative questions about the different items you see.

We look forward to having you in class and don't want anything to delay or ruin your opportunity to learn to ride properly, so if you do not already have a motorcycle endorsement on your license, please do NOT ride or try to practice on any motorcycle other than in class, before completing your class.

Again, thank you for your interest in the Florida Safety Council Motorcycle Program. Good luck, and enjoy your class.

*Ride safely,*

*Brandi Hammonds*  
**Motorcycle Program Manager**

***Please sign and return the attached waiver form on the first day of class. If you are under the age of 18, the waiver must be signed a parent or legal guardian.***