

## Leading Tampa Accident Attorney Shares Safety Tips for Motorists and Motorcyclists to Keep our Roads Safe

*Attorney Jennifer Burns from the Law Offices of Carlson, Meissner, Hart & Hayslett, P.A. shares advice to decrease fatalities in motorcyclist accidents*

Tampa, FL ([PRWEB](#)) April 11, 2016 -- Daytona's annual bike week has come and gone, bringing awareness to the alarming statistic that [Florida is leading the nation for fatal motorcycle accidents](#), according to a report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Motorcyclists accounted for 19% of Florida's motor vehicle fatalities. Each year, fatal accidents in Florida involving a motorcyclist account for one-fifth of total fatal accidents. Florida State University policeman Jason Harris states, "If you ride a motorcycle long enough, it's not if - but when - you're going to be involved in one of those situations."

By adhering to the best road safety practices, Florida families hope to see the number of fatal accidents decrease. [Each motorcycle fatality is estimated to cost](#) society \$1.2 - \$1.4 million in total productivity lost, legal costs, and other various factors. Additionally, fatal accidents have almost doubled since Florida's repeal of the helmet law.

[Tampa personal injury attorney Jennifer Burns](#) has seen the truly life-altering effects that occur following a serious motorcycle accident. With more than four decades of combined experience, the lawyers of Carlson, Meissner, Hart & Hayslett, P.A. have extensive experience handling the investigation and litigation that occurs following a serious accident. After analyzing many cases, Ms. Burns hopes to advocate on behalf of all drivers and share preventative tips to increase road safety, especially for motorcyclists.

### Tips For Motorcyclists:

Florida's weather encourages many residents to get involved with motorcycle riding. It's no secret that motorcycling is also exciting and fuel-efficient. However, in order to operate the heavy machinery safely and efficiently, adhere to the following tips:

- Wear a helmet- Riders without helmets are 40% more likely to suffer fatal injuries according to government studies. A full-face helmet has yielded the safest results. Additional protective wear is strongly encouraged including protective clothing, closed toes shoes and gloves.
- Receive proper training- Motorcycle safety courses not only save when it comes to insurance but also can improve safety for all drivers.
- Be visible to motorists- This means avoiding weaving in and out of lanes. Also wearing reflective strips and using headlights and other marker lights in bad weather or when it is dark.
- Avoid bad weather- Rain causes slippery roads and reduced visibility.
- Invest in anti-lock brakes- This feature is almost always included in modern bikes and is only a few hundred dollars if you should need to purchase them separately. Without the anti-lock brakes, brakes that lock up in a quick stop rid the rider of any steering control. Antilock brakes help you maintain steering control during an emergency stop and prove beneficial in poor weather conditions.

### Tips For Motorists:

- Leave room- Leave room for the motorcyclists in heavy traffic and especially during poor weather

conditions when maneuvering the bike is twice as difficult.

- Don't drive distracted- Actively look for motorcyclists on the road, as it is easy to miss one in a blind spot. In addition to looking, use your ears to listen for them.
- Be extra alert when making a left hand turn- This is when the most automobile-bike crashes occur.

The Tampa accident attorneys at Carlson, Meissner, Hart & Hayslett, P.A. have a proven track record of success and are committed to recovering the full compensation you deserve following an injury in a motorcycle accident. Call today at 877-728-9653 for a free consultation or visit the firm's website at [CarlsonMeissner.com](http://CarlsonMeissner.com).

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