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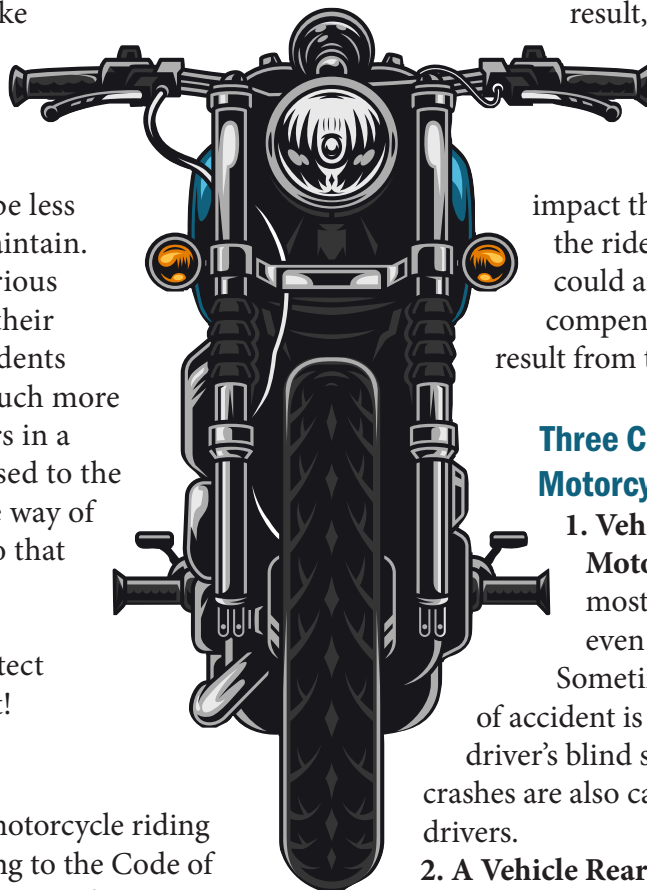
MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

There are many things to like about riding a motorcycle. These vehicles offer a sense of freedom unavailable with other methods of transportation, and they can be less expensive to purchase and maintain. The major drawback is the serious risk of injury they present to their riders. When motorcycle accidents happen, riders could suffer much more severe injuries than passengers in a vehicle. These riders are exposed to the elements and have little in the way of protection from an impact. To that end, motorcyclists, please remember to have really high insurance policy limits to protect yourself in case of an accident!

Virginia Helmet Laws

The rules that govern safe motorcycle riding in Virginia are harsh. According to the Code of Virginia § 46.2-910, **all operators and passengers on motorcycles must wear a protective helmet that includes a face shield or goggles.** Failing to do so is a Class 4 misdemeanor.

What impact does this Virginia helmet law have on motorcycle accident cases? Defendants may allege that a failure to wear a helmet constitutes an assumption of the risk in these situations. Fortunately, this defense is not enough on its own. A biker's failure to wear a helmet as required by law does not change the fact that other drivers still owe that rider a duty of care. As a



result, an alleged failure to wear a helmet does not amount to contributory negligence, as mentioned above. Still, a failure to wear a helmet may impact the demand for compensation. If the rider was not wearing a helmet, it could affect his or her ability to collect compensation for head wounds that result from the accident.

Three Common Types of Motorcycle Accidents

- 1. Vehicle Turns Left in Front of the Motorcyclist:** This is, by far, the most frequent cause of serious and even fatal motorcycle accidents.

Sometimes, the root cause of this type of accident is that the rider is situated in the driver's blind spot. However, these kinds of crashes are also caused by distracted or drowsy drivers.

- 2. A Vehicle Rear-Ends a Motorcycle:** Failure to keep a safe distance for braking may lead to a vehicle hitting a motorcycle from behind. In these situations, the motorcyclist is usually thrown over the handlebar which leads to traumatic injuries and even death.

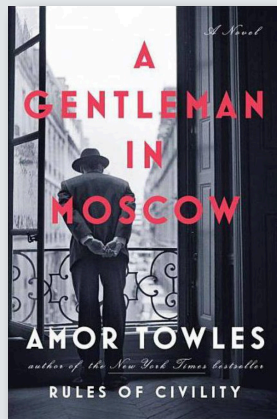
- 3. Motorcycle to Motorcycle Accidents:** This type of accident often occurs when a group of motorcyclists ride together. A temporary lapse in attention from one driver leads to a pack of wounded drivers. The motorcyclist that hit first is most likely at fault in accidents such as these, although it may be difficult to prove depending on the size of the group.

BESTS OF SEPTEMBER

Book

A Gentleman in Moscow

By American author Amor Towles, this is the story of Count Alexander Rostov, a Russian nobleman who, after the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, is sentenced to lifelong imprisonment in Moscow's Metropol Hotel. The novel explores personal growth, the inevitability of change, and the nature of government and power. A great listen on Audible and some of the most beautiful writing I've ever read.



Amazon Purchase

Fanny Pack

Have you joined the fanny pack craze yet? This fanny pack by MaxTop is a recent purchase and you can find it on Amazon for less than \$15! We're not sad about this trend – so convenient when out and about!



Trader Joe's

Find

Beef and Broccoli

A delicious meal from Trader Joe's frozen section! Pro tip: Try making it in the air fryer if you have one. Serve with rice for a quick dinner!



Recent Case Result

Type of case:

Motorcycle accident

Place of incident: Waynesboro, VA

Injuries sustained: Broken arm

Verdict or settlement: Settlement

Amount: \$50,000

Our client was driving his motorcycle when another car crashed into him. He was thrown from his totaled motorcycle, landing on his arm. He was transported by ambulance to the hospital where x-rays revealed a broken arm. Our client underwent surgery to repair the fracture. We had to settle the case for \$50,000 because that was the extent of the insurance premiums available to us on the insurance policy. Motorcyclists, please remember to have really high policy limits to protect yourself in case of an accident! **This case is a classic example of an unfortunate collision that could have resulted in a much higher settlement if the policy limits were higher.**



The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles released a 69-page document containing findings from 2021 traffic crash data. We've combed through the report and will be sharing some insightful nuggets. Some categories have seen statistical decreases compared to 2020, but others, like this one, have tragically risen.



We'd Love to Hear From You!

If you have worked with The Warren Firm in the past, or know Vaden personally, we invite you to leave a review on Google. In this day and age, we recognize the best way for us to continue helping those suffering with a serious personal injury is to have five-star Google reviews for them to see online in their search. Our goal is to provide a five-star experience. This may not always mean the outcome of a case is perfect, but we hope your experience with our law firm is seamless, honest, and genuine and that you felt represented, heard, and fought for. If you feel you cannot provide a five-star review, please call us so we can discuss with you how we can do better. Our number is 434-972-9090. We'd love to hear from you.

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"The Warren Firm did a great job for a personal injury case we had in the family. Vaden always kept me up to date on the progress of the case. Ultimately, we settled out of court and we were very pleased with the settlement." – B. Shell

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