



# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TIPS

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## TWO UP RIDING

Taking a passenger for a ride on a motorcycle requires much forethought and preparation. Like most things though, it gets easier with experience.

For starters, your bike must be properly equipped to carry a passenger. BC law requires all passengers to be tall enough for their feet to reach designated foot pegs or floorboards.

The extra weight of your passenger must also be taken into consideration. The additional weight will affect the way your bike turns, accelerates, and stops. As such, before you venture into traffic, it is wise to practice these skills in a quiet location so that both you and your passenger can learn how your bike will handle with the extra weight. It is also your responsibility to educate your passenger about what to expect while riding. Communication is key. Motorcycles must lean to make turns so your passenger must be taught to pay careful attention while riding and to lean with you. They must also be taught to sit as still as possible while stopped or travelling at low speeds to avoid causing a loss of balance.

Finally, a safe riding experience necessitates that both you and your passenger wear an approved properly fitted helmet and protective riding gear.