

# New Helmet and Seating Laws

What motorcycle riders need to know



## New regulations for helmets

- All motorcycle riders and their passengers are now required to wear a helmet that meets safety industry standards
- A motorcycle safety helmet must meet DOT, Snell M2005, Snell M2010 or ECE safety standards
- Helmets that do not meet these new standards, such as skull caps, will be illegal

## New regulations for passenger seating

- New requirements for passengers mean that all passengers must be able to place their feet on the foot pegs or floorboards
- Children unable to reach foot pegs are not permitted to ride as passengers

## Why are new regulations needed?

- Between 1996 and 2010, motorcycle fatalities increased 57 per cent
- An approved motorcycle helmet can prevent or reduce head and neck injuries
- The Province continues to explore additional safety measures. For more information, please visit [www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/osmv/road-safety/motorcycles.htm](http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/osmv/road-safety/motorcycles.htm)

Motorcycle helmets must meet one of the following safety standards:



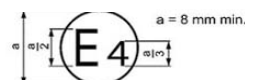
Snell M2005



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