

## **Bicycle Accident Overview**

Despite bicycle safety education efforts and warnings, bicycle accidents continue to occur at alarming rates. Such are also a major cause of injury and death in the United States. The majority of bicycle accidents take place in urban areas where they are most likely to occur at non-intersections during the late afternoon and evening hours. While lawmakers and bicycle safety advocates across the nation continue to work toward reducing the number of accidents overall, statistics reveal that bicycle accidents are a serious transportation safety issue.

The Centers for Disease Control reports that bicycle accidents account for a half-million emergency room visits per year. Of these, 700 result in death with 59% involving children 15 and younger. It is interesting to note that a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data comparison indicates a decline in bicycle accidents in children under 16 when comparing reports from 2001 and 2010. In 2001, bicycle accidents in children under 16 accounted for 38% of all traffic-related injuries, while 21% resulted in fatalities. Data collected in 2010, however, shows that this age group accounted for 21% of all traffic-related injuries and 11% of all deaths in that category.

On public roads, cyclists are afforded the same rights as individuals driving cars, trucks and other motor vehicles. While transportation rules may be comforting to note, they do not guarantee a rider's safety. Often preventable, a reduction in the number of bicycle accident injuries and fatalities can be realized through the efforts of every American concerned about this issue.

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## **FAQ**

Q: Which state has the highest rate of fatalities due to bicycle accidents?

A: In 2010, the NHTSA reports that California led the nation in bicycle accident fatalities with 99 total reports.

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## **Our Experience**

With more than 20 years of experience in the personal injury realm, XYZ Law Group has successfully championed a number of bicycle accident lawsuits. Even in cases where a cyclist is partially at fault for an accident, our qualified team of professionals may be able to win compensation on a client's behalf. Our firm provides initial consultations at no cost at which

time we are able to honestly assess the options available to our potential clients.

Though the overwhelming majority of our cases are settled without a courtroom trial, we treat each individual case as though a full trial will be required. We take considerable time in providing each client with our focused attention while assuring that every detail in preparation for a trial is met. Our goal is to consistently provide the best legal representation available to every one of our bicycle accident clients.

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### **Resources**

Centers for Disease Control - Bicycle Related Injuries

<http://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/bikeinjuries.html>

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - Driving Safety: Bicycles

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles>

2010 Traffic Safety Facts (NHTSA) - Bicyclists and Other Cyclists

<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811624.pdf>