



South Dakota Motorcycle Laws

Helmet - A DOT approved helmet is required for anyone under the age of 18.

Handlebar Height - Your handlebars may not be positioned so that the grips are at or above shoulder height while sitting astride the seat.

Eye Protection - Eye Protection or a windshield of sufficient height is required. Your eye protection at night can not be tinted or shaded that reduces the light transmittance of the device to a level below 35%.

Riding Two Aboard - It is legal in South Dakota to ride side by side in the same lane.

Blue Dot Taillight - Display of a blue light as part of rear brake light is authorized.

Passing in the Same Lane - The operator of a motorcycle may not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.

Use of Full Lane - A motorcycle is entitled to the use of its full lane. No vehicle may be driven in such a manner as to deprive any motorcycle of the full use of a lane.

Lane Splitting - Lane splitting is illegal in South Dakota.

Muffler - Every motorcycle shall be equipped with an adequate muffler in constant operation and properly maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise. No person may make any alteration or modification of any muffler.

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