



This report is a monthly update of motorcycle mishaps that occurred throughout the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. The data listed reflects what was reported during the time period covered.



The information contained in the report is based on preliminary information and is provided for hazard awareness and training purposes only. The Naval Safety Command recommends motorcycle safety representatives use this information for training and mentorship programs and forward to others who may have an interest.



Obtain official mishap data from the Naval Safety Command.

Navy Rider fatalities this report: 0 Rider fatalities for FY 23: 7	Total mishaps this report: 29 Total fatalities this report: 0	Marine Corps Rider fatalities this report: 0 Rider fatalities for FY 23: 2
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Distracted Driving: More than a monthly observance

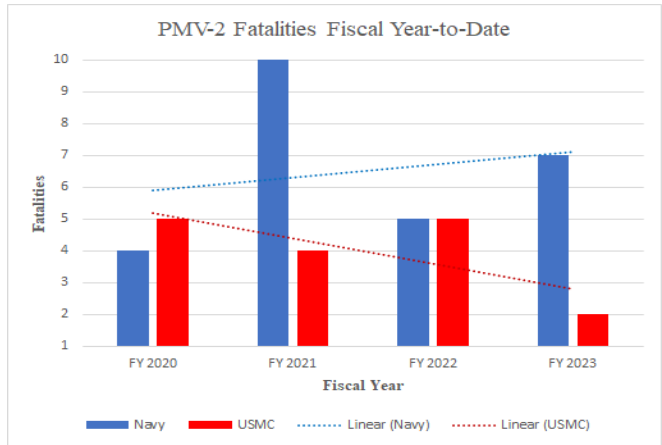
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As spring brings warmer weather, many more riders will travel roadways, ready to enjoy the ride. Commit to riding safely. April was National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and provided an opportunity to promote driver awareness for all riders and highlight that distracted driving is the most common factor in accidents with drivers, riders, pedestrians, road workers and first responders.

For this fiscal year, the Navy and Marine Corps are on an upward trend, averaging 36 monthly mishaps, with nine fatalities. April and October are typically our most mishap-prone months, averaging 42 events. Improper signaling remains consistent this month as a primary cause of most accidents. Do not let inattentiveness ruin your ride.

Riding a motorcycle is inherently dangerous, from vehicles not seeing you, to inclement weather and road debris to not having the proper training for the bike you ride. Twilight and nighttime riding contributed 45% of the mishaps between 5:30 and 9 p.m., and 30% occurred between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Stay informed. The National Weather Service is an excellent tool that can help you check the weather in your area and provide tips to help mitigate any weather situation. Additional information can be found at <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/spring-safety>.

For more tips and a great resource, check out the Preseason Motorcycle Kick-off designed to build awareness and personal accountability for motorcycle riders as well as to educate riders on the hazards associated with riding. In addition, the preseason video series is available at <https://www.safety.af.mil/Divisions/Occupational-Safety-Division/Air-Force-Rider/>. This page provides managers of motorcycle training programs and unit motorcycle safety representative additional resources.



The graph above depicts Navy and Marine Corps' reported motorcycle fatalities between October and April for the last four fiscal years.



A base member participates in a motorcycle safety training course held on base at Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, April 14, 2023. (U.S. Space Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kadielle Shaw)



Motorcycle Mishaps

APRIL 2023



Motorcycle Mishap Legend

NR represents information not reported

Red entries represent Marine Corps-specific mishaps

Nonfatal Mishaps (All times local) (29)

April 2, 2:30 p.m., age NR, pay grade NR
Location: Jacksonville, North Carolina
Remarks: Rider lost control and struck a guardrail. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for fractured ribs, collar bone, and a concussion.

April 2, 11:15 a.m., age NR, E-5
 Location: Suffolk, Virginia
 Remarks: Rider lost control on loose gravel. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries.

April 3, 7:58 p.m., 35-year-old, E-7
 Location: Chesapeake, Virginia
 Remarks: Rider was in a cul-de-sac and lost control. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured left foot and skull.

April 5, 12:30 p.m., 38-year-old, E-8
 Location: Sigonella, Sicily
 Remarks: Rider laid down PMV-2 exiting a roundabout. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries sustained.

April 6, 1:50 p.m., 38-year-old, E-8
Location: Sigonella, Sicily
Remarks: Rider One and Rider Two were on a group ride in the middle of the convoy when Rider One lost control on loose gravel. Rider Two was fixated on rider one, did not see the turn, and lost control. Riders One and Two were transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries. Rider Two was treated for a brain injury and concussion.

April 7, 6 p.m., 34-year-old, E-6
 Location: Jacksonville, Florida
 Remarks: Rider was on a test drive after repairing a part on the motorcycle when the rear tire locked up, ejecting rider off the motorcycle. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured right arm and ankle.

April 9, 4:15 p.m., 29-year-old, E-6
 Location: Hanover, Maryland
 Remarks: Rider became distracted, lost control, and collided with a guardrail. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured elbow, leg and ankle injuries.

April 10, 12:45 p.m., age NR, E-4
 Location: Jacksonville, Florida
 Remarks: Rider applied front and rear brakes on wet asphalt while trying to stop at a traffic light. The back brake locked up, the motorcycle fishtailed and the rider as well as the motorcycle fell on its side while traveling 5-10 mph. Rider did not go to a local hospital.

April 10, 8 p.m., age NR, E-3
 Location: Hampton, Virginia
 Remarks: During a hit-and-run, rider was struck by a PMV-4. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a concussion and a fractured ankle.

April 11, 8 p.m., age and pay grade NR
 Location: Chesapeake, Virginia
 Remarks: Rider lost control on an oil slick in the road. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for minor injuries.

April 11, time, age, and pay grade NR
 Location: NR
 Remarks: Rider collided with another rider. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for minor injuries.

April 11, time NR, age and pay grade NR
 Location: NR
 Remarks: Rider collided with a semi truck. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for thumb and knee injuries.

April 12, 5:30 a.m., 21-year-old, E-3
Location: Jacksonville, North Carolina
Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4 driver who fell asleep and veered into oncoming traffic. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for severe injuries.

April 12, 6:10 a.m., 21-year-old, E-4
Location: Temecula, California
Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4 while merging and changing lanes. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for pain in right collarbone and arm, as well as difficulty breathing.

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Nonfatal Mishaps (Continued from Page 2)

April 12, 6:30 a.m., 21-year-old, E-4
Location: Meadows, California
Remarks: Rider collided with a PMV-4. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured left foot.

April 14, 5:40 p.m., age and pay grade NR
Location: Chesapeake, Virginia
Remarks: Rider was in the PMV-4 blind spot and was struck by when the PMV-4 merged into the rider's lane. Rider did not go to the hospital.

April 15, 5:30 p.m., age NR, E-2
Location: Greenville, North Carolina
Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle accident. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for bilateral upper extremity injuries.

April 17, 6:30 p.m., 20-year-old, E-4
Location: Norfolk, Virginia
Remarks: Rider lost control due to an excessive speed over 20 mph than the posted speed limit. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries. Rider was released from the hospital 24 hours later. Rider did not have a license or permit as they had just finished the first day of the two-day Basic Riders Course (BRC).

April 17, 6:40 p.m., age and pay grade NR
Location: NR
Remarks: Rider collided with a PMV-4. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries to their right leg and forearm.

April 20, 7 a.m., 39-year-old, E-6
Location: Norfolk, Virginia
Remarks: Rider was involved in a chain-reaction pileup of vehicles. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for bruising and road rash. The motorcycle was totaled.

April 20, 6:30 p.m., 25-year-old, E-5
Location: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
Remarks: Rider lost traction during inclement weather and collided with a barrier. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for minor injuries.

April 21, 12:35 p.m., 35-year-old, E-7
Location: Norfolk, Virginia
Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4 that veered into their lane. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a compound fracture to their right ankle.

April 21, 9:20 p.m., 24-year-old, pay grade NR
Location: Huntington, California
Remarks: Rider was cut off and struck the PMV-4. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured arm, leg, and lacerations.

April 22, 11:15 a.m., age and pay-grade NR
Location: Wiggins, Mississippi
Remarks: Rider was on a group ride when a PMV-4 veered into the pack of PMV-2 riders. Rider lost control and landed in the grass. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured pelvis and concussion.

April 22, 12 p.m., age and pay grade NR
Location: Catania, Italy
Remarks: Rider rode into a blind curve and was unable to avoid the debris in the road. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries sustained. Rider did not attend BRC but has a Virginia DMV motorcycle endorsement.

April 22, 2:20 p.m., 35-year-old, E-5
Location: Bel Passo, Italy
Remarks: Rider was ejected after they lost control of their motorcycle. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a compound fracture to their left scapula, three ribs, three vertebrae, left and right big toes and right ankle.

April 23, 4:45 p.m., 35-year-old, E-6
Location: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Remarks: Rider was traveling at 50 mph when a PMV-4 pulled out in front of a parking lot. Rider applied brakes and attempted evasive maneuvers but lost control. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a left wrist sprain and abrasions.

April 29, time, age, and pay grade NR
Location: NR
Remarks: Rider lost control after striking debris in the road. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for fractured upper ribs, sprained ankle and wrist, and a dislocated shoulder.

April 29, 10:01 p.m., 30-year-old, E-5
Location: Virginia Beach, Virginia
Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4 turning in front of the rider. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries.

Late report submitted from March

March 30, 11 p.m., 19-year-old, E-2
Location: Marysville, Washington
Remarks: Rider was riding at excessive speed, lost control, and crashed. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for road rash on the left knee, elbow and shoulder. Rider did not wear personal protective equipment, was not licensed, and never attended motorcycle training courses.

Additional Motorcycle Rider Down Reports are available at
navalsafetycommand.navy.mil/Resources/Motorcycle-Rider-Down-Reports-Newsletters