



A monthly update of motorcycle mishaps that occurred throughout the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. The reported data reflects the time period covered with exceptions noted.



This 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.



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Navy	Total mishaps this report: 17	Marine Corps
Rider fatalities this report: 0		Rider fatalities this report: 0
Rider fatalities for FY 23: 2	Total fatalities this report: 0	Rider fatalities for FY 23: 0

Don't feel safe riding? Take a refresher course

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Over the years, motorcycle mishaps have plagued the Navy and Marine Corps at an increasingly drastic rate. Both services are showing only minimal decline over the years. Figure 1 shows 34 reported Navy motorcycle rider fatalities from fiscal year (FY) 2021 to November 2022. Marines reported 17 motorcycle fatalities, as depicted in Figure 2.

The majority of the mishaps during November involved riders that were excessively speeding and losing control,

which led riders to fall victim to self-inflicted harm and the possibility of being struck, crushed, or run over by other motor vehicle drivers.

The cold winter months are quickly approaching many areas of the United States. Riding conditions will change drastically for many, compared to the summer days we have become accustomed.

Along with the cold, comes the risk of freezing roadways, bridges, and entrances and exits to tunnels. Be aware of black ice conditions and loosely packed snow. Be cautious

during and after precipitation as the roads will be slick. When trying to avoid dangerous road conditions, be alert to other drivers in the process. The combination of bad weather, road conditions, lack of practice, diminished maneuvering skills, and poor riding techniques may lead to a final ride.

If you need or want refresher training, contact your command's Motorcycle Safety Representative (MSR) for assistance.

Let's stay safe out there.

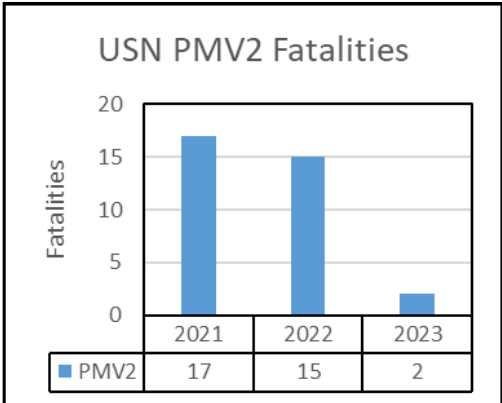


Fig. 1

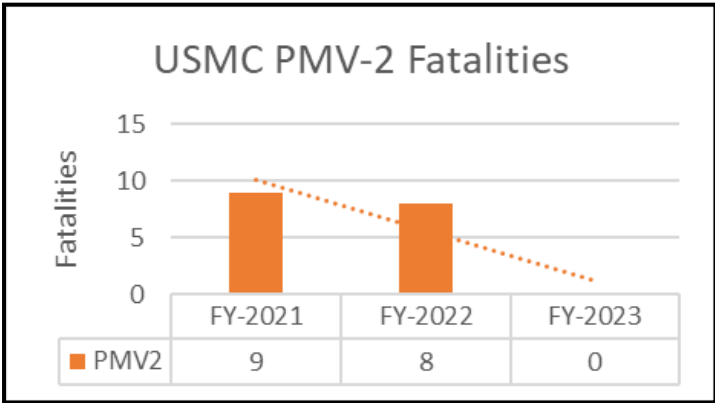


Fig. 2



Motorcycle Mishaps

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Motorcycle Mishap Legend

NR represents information not reported

Red entries represent Marine Corps-specific mishaps

Nonfatal Mishaps (All times local)

Nov. 23, 8 a.m., age NR, E-5

Location: San Diego, California

Remarks: Rider involved in an accident. Rider transported to local hospital and treated for injuries. Rider remains in hospital for recovery.

Nov. 21, 8 a.m., age NR, E-6

Location: Shoshone, California

Remarks: Rider was traveling home through the mountains when a truck entered their lane. Rider had to drop their bike causing them to skid across the pavement on their right side. Rider did not go to the hospital after the incident.

Nov. 17, 3:40 a.m., age NR, E-5

Location: Honolulu, Hawaii

Remarks: Rider collided with a PMV-4. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for a fractured front pelvis, shattered sacrum to tailbone and fractured lower ribs.

Nov. 16, 7:00 a.m., age NR, E-5

Location: Honolulu, Hawaii

Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle accident during PCS. Rider was transported to medical center and is under medically induced coma due to intra-cerebral hemorrhage, subarachnoid hemorrhage and subdural hemorrhage.

Nov. 14, 5:30 a.m., 22-year-old, E-4

Location: San Diego, California

Remarks: Rider lost control in a turn and dropped the bike. Rider received a ride back to the ship and was evaluated by the ship's medical personnel. Rider was transported to naval hospital via ambulance for treatment.

Nov. 12, 10 a.m., 22-year-old, E-4

Location: Simi Valley, California

Remarks: Rider was speeding when making a right-hand turn on a hill. The rear brake bolts on the motorcycle sheared and the Rider was unable to brake, laying down the bike and falling down the hill about seven to eight feet. The Rider was able to climb back up the hill. Ambulance and medical information was not provided.

Nov. 10, 5:55 a.m., age NR, E-5

Location: Hampton, Virginia

Remarks: Rider lost control and crashed. Rider was transported to a local hospital and was treated for serious injuries.

Nov. 7, 12 a.m., age NR, E-3

Location: Riverside, California

Remarks: Rider was involved in a mishap during PCS leave. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries. Rider remains in an induced coma.

Nov. 4, 3:30 p.m., age NR, E-6

Location: Orange, California

Remarks: Rider lost control and crashed while maneuvering to avoid PMV-4 merging in the rider's lane. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for road rash and a broken arm. Rider was reminded not to ride by the motorcycle safety representative following a routine Division in the Spotlight (DITS) record review.

Nov. 4, 6 a.m., age NR, E-3

Location: Honolulu, Hawaii

Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle accident. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for a dislocated shoulder, left lower arm break, left elbow break and a knee open femur fracture.

Nov. 3, 11:06 a.m., age NR, E-5

Location: Janesville, Wisconsin

Remarks: Rider was speeding and hit the rear of a PMV-4. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Rider was operating a PMV-2 without a valid license, insurance and registration and displayed false registration plates.

Nov. 2, 9 a.m., age NR, E-5

Location: San Diego, California

Remarks: Rider was going 35 mph on slick pavement when he lost control and lost consciousness. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for minor injuries.

Nov. 1, 11:30 p.m., age NR, E-5

Location: Charleston, South Carolina

Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4. Rider was transported to a local hospital and was treated for a broken tibia-fibula, pulmonary contusions, road rash and a hand fracture.

Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m., age NR, E-5

Location: Port Royal, South Carolina

Remarks: Rider collided with a PMV-4. Rider was transported to a local hospital and was treated for a broken left leg, road rash, and fractured right hand.

Nov. 1, 5 p.m., age NR, E-3

Location: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle mishap. Rider was transported to a local hospital and was treated for muscle strains in the neck, and pain in the thoracic spine.

Nov. 1, 7:30 a.m., age NR, Rank NR

Location: San Diego, California

Remarks: Rider was heading to work, when they were in a motor vehicle mishap. Rider was transported to a local hospital and was treated for injuries.

Nov. 1, 6:01 a.m., 25-year-old E-6

Location: San Diego, California

Remarks: Rider was cut off by a PMV-4, but when swerving to avoid them struck another PMV-4. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a broken foot.

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