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MEMORANDUM FOR All Nebraska Military Department Personnel

SUBJECT: Motorcycle Safety Training and PPE Compliance with DODI 6055.4 (Jul 99), AFI 91-207 (Oct 95), AR 385-10 (Aug 07), and NGB 385-10 (Oct 08).

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and mandatory training requirements for personnel who operate a motorcycle, in accordance with DODI 6055.4, AFI 91-207 and AR 385-10.
2. All military personnel who operate a motorcycle (on-off duty, on-off a DOD installation, and regardless of the member's decision to register their vehicle on a DOD installation) must comply with the PPE requirements and are required to complete the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Course (MSF) or a Motorcycle Safety Foundation based approved motorcycle rider safety course.
3. All DOD civilian personnel who operate a motorcycle while on duty (on-off a DOD installation, and regardless of the employee's decision to register their vehicle on a DOD installation) must comply with the PPE requirements and are required to attend or have attended an approved motorcycle rider safety course.
4. Retirees, contractors, dependents, state employees, non-dual status technicians, and all other non-military civilian personnel who operate a motorcycle while on a military installation must comply with the PPE requirements and are highly encouraged, but not required, to attend an approved motorcycle rider safety course.
5. For the purpose of this requirement, the DOD definition of personnel will be used. Paragraph E2.1.5.1 and E2.1.5.2 of DODI 6055.4 defines DOD personnel as:
 - a. Civilian personnel (while on duty): DOD Civil Service Employees (including reserve component technicians and reserve technicians, unless in a military duty status); non-appropriated fund employees (excluding part time military); corps of engineers civil works employees; youth or student assistance program employees; foreign nationals employed by the DOD components and army-air force exchange service employees.
 - b. Military Personnel: All U.S. military personnel on active duty; reserve or national guard personnel on active duty or performing inactive duty training; service academy cadets; officer candidates in OCS or ACS; Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets when engaged in directed training activities; and foreign national military personnel assigned to the DOD components.
6. The above referenced instructions require all personnel who operate motorcycles to wear specific Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) regardless of duty status. PPE wear for military personnel is also mandatory when operating a motorcycle even when State law does not require. Rider PPE includes:
 - A properly worn Department of Transportation (DOT) or Snell Memorial approved helmet.
 - Sturdy footwear such as leather boots or over-the-ankle footwear.
 - Impact resistant goggles or a full-face shield on the helmet

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- A brightly colored or contrasting vest/belt/riding jacket used during the day and the outer most garment will be reflective for limited visibility conditions and night time. These devices must be clearly visible to all other motor vehicle traffic. Military uniforms do not meet this criterion. Items may be worn on top of the outer garment, but they must meet the same visibility requirements of the outer upper garment.
 - Long sleeved shirts or jackets, full length trousers, and full-fingered motorcycle gloves or mittens.
7. Leaders will reinforce the mandatory training requirements and the use of PPE for all NE Military Department Service members and employees. Compliance is required, regardless of duty status.
 8. Commanders/Supervisors will identify and track personnel who own and operate motorcycles within their organization, thus documenting the MSF training completion and the enforcement of this policy.
 9. Motorcycle riders will carry current vehicle registration, proof of insurance, and the MSF training completion card at all times when riding a motorcycle.
 10. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Beginner's Rider Course is available through several sources, and the cost to attend is reimbursable to military personnel. To attend, contact the 155th ARW Safety Office or the ARNG Safety Office.
 11. Motorcycles must have their headlights on at all times and be equipped with rear-view mirrors.
 12. Enforcement of these measures is a command responsibility and is fundamental to sustaining basic safety measures among personnel. Exceptions to this policy may only be granted by the installation commander on a case by case basis.
 13. Points of Contact are the 155th ARW Safety Office, (402) 309-1117/1118, and the Army National Guard Safety Office, (402) 309-1813/1833.



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