

#1 The GEICO safety video is very good:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umcMNsSgvVg>

Key points:

- Don't put a leg over your bike unless you know it's ready.
- Dress for the crash, not for the ride.
- Before you turn the key, turn off the noise.
- Don't be a victim: If you assume they're going to turn, you'll react a second or two faster.
- Always keep your eyes scanning, assume the worst.

#2 Wobbles and weaves:

From Murray Walker:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvsDIq3WwVA>

He's a great chap, also an F1 commentator. Talks not only how to prevent it, but also why it happens.

How to prevent wobble:

- Keep both hands on the bars! (doh!)

How to prevent or stop weave:

- Stick to the legal speedlimit.
- Move your body downwards!

Other pro tips from the video:

- Use the superior performance of your machine to get out of trouble, not get into it.
- Remember that people don't see you. They look for cars.
- You're the one who's vulnerable.

This video also talks about the tank slapper:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7Uxm0t7U1Y>

Take-aways:

- relax, and do not add throttle!
- hold the gastank with your legs.

#3 Short but great tip from the comments on Reddit:

https://www.reddit.com/r/motorcycles/comments/4sbnlb/rip_my_balls/d580bon

Cars stop faster than motorbikes. Remember that. Anticipate for them to stop and keep your distance.

#4 Analyzing YouTube crashes:

I think it's good to be a little bit afraid of riding a motorbike, instead of the 'I'm the Valentino Rossi of the street' stance. I watched a lot of videos on YouTube, also from crashes, and I tried to learn why things went wrong. Some vloggers analyse it themselves, like CycleCruza:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYhx0pdfR9Y>

His tip:

– Always wait until the road is completely visible and clear before making a turn!

#5 Target fixation: what is it and how can you prepare for it?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewDS5R0rLcE>

From all the crashes, target fixation seems

very common. Three tips from that video:

- Look with your head, not your eyes.

Physically move your head to look.

- Don't look at one thing for a moment, scan your field constantly.

- Look through the corners, not just ahead of you.

Another one:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7C802xbcBd4>

#6 Riding smooth and sensibly (not per say on a R1)

There's tremendous lessons hidden in this article on riding an R1 as a beginner. Not saying you should ride an R1 as a beginner, but the advice is sound for any motorbike.

<http://www.r1-forum.com/forums/2-general-motorcycle-discussions/177988-surviving-riding-r1-written-noob.html>

Pro tips:

- Absolutely zero road rage. Don't ride when impatient, angered or otherwise not focussed on the road.

- Absolute attention. Where your head turns, your bike goes.
- Defensive driving. Anticipate the mistakes of others.
- Patience while driving slow.

Also, what I'd like to add from my lessons: enter corners slowly, accelerate out. You cannot brake once you're into a corner.

#7 Keep it grippy

You can crash over debris, painted arrows and manhole covers, especially when it's wet. Look how easy it is, even on low speeds:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Bbvfsodqg>

This video goes into bigger length into

it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3Rlf8yWz-c>

#8 Want more?

Remember that other people make mistakes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQknG2YWLx8>

That's a great video to remind you. And not just mistakes, also traffic violations. But you're the vulnerable one:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBI0Z3pNU6k&feature=youtu.be&t=50s>

This was preventable:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N60rHLJZ0U4>

This one? Probably:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxn-s2-8H-g>

Could've seen it coming:

<https://youtu.be/2LeYf3PcBDo>

Maybe this one?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIupQFkiPJs>

Don't get angry. Or this could happen:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUo25im0jv8>

Another mistake, going too fast into a corner:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_r2J0GvInNg

Don't go into spaces where you cannot see what space you're going:

<http://imgur.com/gallery/5csKPdF>

Parking advice: don't pull completely forward:

<http://imgur.com/a/YdPoT>

Cars brake faster:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pyp1U7Q1w9k&feature=youtu.be>

Be wary of blindspots:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TH--0D53cZc&feature=youtu.be>

Keep the visor down 😊

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7_1bxxXokI&feature=youtu.be

Don't buy a beak helmet:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1tgXGnKt2cY>

Sometimes riding too slow can be just as dangerous as riding too fast

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=99&v=pUB2darr5mU