



## BikeSafe frequently asked questions.

### **Q. Is BikeSafe a training day?**

A. No. BikeSafe is not a training day.

### **Q. What documents must I bring?**

A. BikeSafe workshop participants must bring their full driving licence, certificate of insurance and your current tax disc must be displayed.

### **Q. Will I have to sign an indemnity?**

A. Yes. Participants will be asked to sign an indemnity, which includes a declaration of your legal entitlement to ride, that your bike is safe and conforms to the required standards and that you are medically fit to ride.

### **Q. What protective clothing must I wear?**

A. You have a duty of care to yourself while riding. There is a legal requirement to wear an approved helmet. We also recommend that you wear full protective CE approved motorcycle clothing i.e. helmet, gloves, boots, jacket and trousers.

### **Q. What checks should I carry out on my motorcycle?**

A. We would advise that the "POWDER" checks be used. Petrol, Oil, Water, Damage, Electrics and Rubber, As with each day you take your bike out these checks should be done, they should also be carried out prior to attending BikeSafe.

### **Q. What will be cover in the classroom workshop?**

A. The classroom workshop introduces the System of Motorcycle Control. Hazard perception, , cornering, junctions, overtaking, filtering and group riding.

**Q. How can I prepare for BikeSafe?**

A. Ensure your pre-ride checks are completed and you have sufficient fuel in your tank for the observed ride out which will be approximately 50km. Come with protective clothing and have suitable attire for inclement weather if necessary. Plan your route to the venue, Dublin Castle, Ship St. entrance in advance to prevent any last-minute rushing or getting lost. The closest petrol station to Dublin Castle is on Ushers Island on the Quays.

**Q. How will I know the route for the ride out?**

A. A detailed route plan has been prepared for the ride out. Maps of the route options will be sent to you prior to you attending the BikeSafe workshop. The Advanced Garda Motorcyclist will choose the route to be used on the day and will ensure that you are happy with the route before heading out. The routes will take in a variety of different road types.

**Q. Do I receive a Certificate for having done BikeSafe?**

A. During your on-road observed ride you will be assessed by the Advanced Garda Motorcyclist under the following headings: junctions, cornering, filtering, overtaking, awareness, speed, controls, signs and signals, attitude and responsibility. You will receive marks from 1 to 5 points in each of these categories. You must attain a score of at least 35 points with no more than 1 three-point score to receive a Certificate of Completion.

If you fail to meet the standard on your on-road observed ride you will not receive a Certificate of Completion of BikeSafe. You will be given your feedback by the Advanced Garda Motorcyclist and the areas for development will be explained to you. You will be offered time to address these areas for development with accredited post-test training. You will be offered a second BikeSafe workshop when you feel you have addressed the areas for development.

**Q. Will intercoms be used?**

A. No. We do not use intercoms.

**Q. Is there any additional follow up to BikeSafe learning that I can do?**

A. There is a BikeSafe eLearning workshop. It is a 9 module workshop which contains essential information which will help you to become a safer and more confident rider. This workshop can be found at [BikeSafe.co.uk/resources](https://www.bikesafe.co.uk/resources) and the password is [bikesafetoptips](https://www.bikesafe.co.uk/resources). The nine modules will take approximately 90 minutes to complete.

**Q. Is BikeSafe a test?**

A. No. BikeSafe is not a test. The BikeSafe workshop includes an observed ride out as part of the curriculum. While you receive structured verbal and written feedback this observed ride out is not a test. Feedback will be given respectfully and in a way which will enable you to maximise your learning.