

DFW Honda Freedom Riders Group Riding Guidelines Updated 7/15/2000



- Don't drink and ride.
- Maintain safe equipment.
- Appropriate riding gear, including DOT approved helmets, long sleeve jackets or shirts, full-fingered gloves, long heavy pants and over the ankle heavy shoes with traction soles is recommended, but not required.
- If you choose not to wear a helmet, have your proof of insurance and/or MSF certification readily available.
- Observe traffic laws.
- Arrive with a full tank and empty bladder; use the rest stops (every 60-100 miles) to fuel, potty and get snacks and drinks.
- Participate in riders' briefings prior to rides and in-progress meetings at stops; routes and schedules are flexible; participate in ride planning.
- Ride in groups of 6-8 or less, each with a CB-equipped leader and tailgunner.
- Follow your group leader and maintain your group position during the ride; you can change group position or depart or join the ride at rest stops.
- If it is absolutely necessary to leave/return to your group during a ride, ensure that other riders know your intentions.
- It is the tailgunner's job to help other riders; if other riders stop, stay with your group.
- If a group leader or tailgunner needs to leave the group, he will signal his intentions and designate a CB-equipped rider to assume the position.
- Keep a minimum of 2 to 4 seconds between bikes. When practical, ride in a staggered pattern for maximum space and time cushion and visibility. Increase following distance and make use of the entire lane (single file) on two lane roads with no shoulder, in curves or when road surfaces or weather conditions are poor. Break up groups as necessary in heavy traffic and then reform.
- Stay alert and communicate your intentions clearly with hand signals, turn signals and brake lights.
- Report unsafe riding equipment and riding behavior to your group leader. Be tolerant, respectful and tactful about individual riding styles.
- It is recommended that you take the MSF Experienced Rider Course and Freedom Rider group riding training course every few years.

In Case of an Accident

- Do not remove helmets.
- Do not speculate with the investigating officer.
- Follow your group to a clear area out of the flow of traffic.
- Do not stay at or go to the scene of the accident unless you are a direct witness or can provide necessary medical or law enforcement assistance.