

MOTORCYCLISTS CONFEDERATION OF CANADA

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MCC Position on Helmet Standards for On-Road Riding

Preamble:

In Canada, wearing a motorcycle helmet is mandatory while operating or a passenger on a motorcycle on public roads. Therefore, the Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada (MCC) strongly recommends wearing a comfortable, approved helmet that offers protection from impact, sound, temperature, weather and airborne debris. The best type or standard of helmet to wear is debatable yet riders generally choose a helmet for personal reasons including comfort, style, function and price.

There are many helmet types that offer different types of protection but this is not always the buyer's primary consideration. The MCC believes and supports that it remain the rider's choice to select the type of approved helmet he or she prefers.

Background:

- Provincial & Territorial governments determine which helmet standards and/or helmets are approved for use in their jurisdictions yet some regulations need updating to reflect current helmet standards accepted around the world.
- Motorcyclists traveling between Canadian provinces & territories sometimes find themselves unwittingly in violation of a jurisdiction's regulations due to these inconsistent requirements.

MCC Position:

- Some recognized helmet standards are antiquated and require updating while all standards need to be better explained to consumers.
- Helmet regulations should be consistent among Canadian provinces and territories.
- Newer helmet standards, such as the European helmet standard ECE 22-05, should be approved for use across Canada.

MCC Promotes:

- The expansion of referenced helmet standards to include all internationally accepted motorcycle helmet standards.
- Clear and consistent motorcycle helmet standards should apply to all provinces and territories across Canada.
- The greatest possible selection of internationally approved helmets should be available to motorcyclists so they may chose and tailor their helmet purchases to their needs and their desires.

What is the MCC?

The Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada (MCC) is a national, federally incorporated not-for-profit association or more than 200 clubs and almost 80,000 riders. **The vision of the MCC** is to foster the expansion of all aspects of responsible motorcycling in Canada by working together to increase awareness of the positive aspects of motorcycling. **The mission of the MCC** is to provide leadership and unity in promoting and protecting the interests of responsible motorcycling in Canada.