

## Effective January 1, 2015:

No matter which type of motor driven cycle you drive, the following ALWAYS applies:

- ALL motor driven cycles (MDC) must be registered.
- ALL MDC operators need at least an unexpired Indiana-issued ID card.
- All motor driven cycles must be registered and display a license plate.
- Helmet required for those under 18.
- No texting and driving.
- Must operate in a position astride the seat.
- Headlamps must be illuminated at all times while operating.

## Class B MDC Enforcement

A person with a Class B motor driven cycle is allowed to operate their vehicle while their drivers license is suspended so long as they have a Class B MDC endorsement on an unexpired Indiana-issued ID card and the MDC is **registered and plated**.

Violation of these Class B motor driven cycle laws creates a class C infraction:

- Operating by a person under age 15.
- Operating at a speed greater than 35 mph.
- Operating without at least a Class B MDC Endorsement on an unexpired Indiana-issued ID card.

Note: If a driver violates any of the operating restrictions, they cannot use the defense they were operating a Class B motor driven cycle to a charge of driving while suspended or a charge of being a habitual traffic violator.

## Indiana Prosecutors

ask you to become informed about Indiana laws governing motor driven cycles.

Knowledge of Indiana's motor driven cycle laws keep you legal on the street and help you to avoid a traffic stop while riding for pleasure or on your way to work!

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## Indiana

# Motor Driven Cycles



Be aware of changes  
...Stay legal  
on the street!

There are some new rules of the road in Indiana for operators of motor driven cycles. Your **local prosecutor** wants you to become aware of the changes to avoid traffic violations. Stay legal on the street!

## Motorcycles...

Requirements for insurance, registration and a license with a motorcycle endorsement did not change with the new laws.



To legally operate a motorcycle on Indiana public highways:

- The motorcycle must be registered and plated.
- The motorcycle must be insured.
- The operator must have a valid Indiana drivers license with a motorcycle endorsement.
- A passenger may be carried with a proper passenger seat.

### For more information

Visit your local license branch  
or the BMV web site:  
[www.in.gov/bmv](http://www.in.gov/bmv)

**Motor driven cycles** come in two classes – A and B. Class A and Class B will have different license plates.

## Class A motor driven cycles...

cover the spectrum of bikes, cycles, scooters that are **above 50cc (cubic centimeters)** but don't meet requirements to be a motorcycle.

To legally operate a Class A motor driven cycle on Indiana public highways:



- The MDC must be registered and plated as a Class A Cycle.
- The MDC must be insured.
- The operator must have a valid Indiana drivers license with any of the following:
  - A motorcycle endorsement;
  - A motorcycle endorsement with an MDC-A restriction; or
  - A valid motorcycle learners permit.
- A passenger may be carried with a proper passenger seat.
- The MDC must be operated near the right-hand edge of the roadway unless passing another vehicle or preparing for a left-hand turn.



## Class B motor driven cycles...

are **50cc (cubic centimeters) or lower**, registered as a Class B motor driven cycle and do not require insurance to operate.

To legally operate a Class B motor driven cycle on Indiana public highways:



- The MDC MUST be registered and plated as a Class B Cycle
- The operator must have one of the following:
  - A valid Indiana drivers license;
  - A valid Indiana drivers permit; or
  - An unexpired Indiana Identification Card with an Class B MDC Endorsement.
- You may get an Class B MDC Endorsement on your Indiana ID even if your driver's license is suspended.
- A Class B MDC may not be operated at more than 35 miles per hour.
- An operator may not carry a passenger.
- The MDC must be operated near the right-hand edge of the roadway unless passing another vehicle or preparing for a left-hand turn.