

Actsafes Safety Bulletin #20

MOTORCYCLES



1. The motorcycle operator must hold a valid motorcycle operator's license. The operator must be familiar with the techniques to safely perform the requirements of the sequence to be photographed, taking into consideration the terrain, driving surface and other conditions present and known.
2. Extreme caution in the use of motorcycles must be exercised at all times both by the operator and by persons in the vicinity. No persons may be in the vicinity unless their assignment requires them to be there.
3. Approved protective clothing and other approved equipment such as a helmet, gloves, etc., should be worn at all times, the only exception being scene requirements while actually being photographed. In such situations, protective clothing should be worn under the costume if possible.
4. Motorcycles, ramps and other equipment must be examined by a qualified person prior to use to determine if they are in proper, safe operating condition.
5. The sequence to be photographed, including ramps, jumps, lay-downs, endos and other potential hazards, must be clearly set forth and must be discussed by all persons immediately involved.
6. All picture motorcycles must be equipped with a grounded cut-off switch (deadman switch). When a stunt is to be performed, this switch must be attached to the handlebars and the wrist of the operator in such manner that the engine shuts off when the rider's hand separates from the motorcycle.
7. A qualified first aid person to administer medical assistance in an emergency shall be present with all necessary first aid equipment and supplies at all rehearsals and all performances during which planned potentially hazardous motorcycle riding and motorcycle stunts are performed.
8. Picture motorcycles must not be used for transportation. No one other than the designated operator should be permitted to operate or ride on a motorcycle unless the rider is required in the sequence to be photographed.