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## 15-01 SMSA Personal Protective Gear – Policy Position

To reduce injury and/or the possibility of death, the National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators (SMSA) believes all motorcycle operators and passengers should use the following personal protective equipment:

- Properly fitted motorcycle helmet that at a minimum meets the Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) helmet standard (full or three-quarter face helmet preferred).
  - Face protection (i.e. full-face visor or full-face helmet).
- Properly fitted motorcycle specific clothing (armored preferred) to include:
  - Full-fingered gloves;
  - Over the ankle boots;
  - o Long-pants; and
  - o Long-sleeved jacket.
  - Eye protection that at a minimum meets the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) eye protection standards.