

# SHOULD MOTORCYCLISTS USE GO PRO CAMERAS ON THEIR HELMETS TO HELP PRESERVE EVIDENCE IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT?

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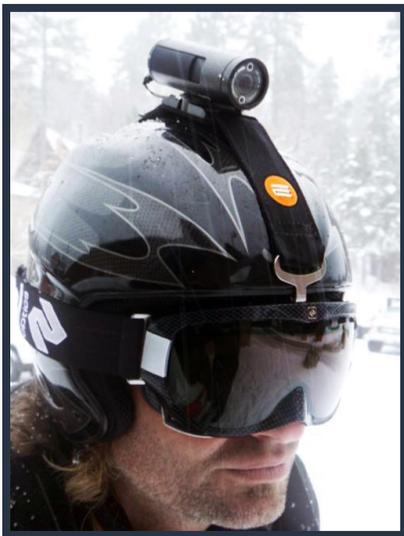


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Due to the nature of motorcycles, the injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident are typically serious and life-threatening. A motorcycle does not provide the same level of protection for the rider that an automobile or other vehicle provides for a passenger.

It is frustrating that motorcycle riders, in addition to driving safely themselves, must pay very close attention to the other drivers on that road in order to try to prevent being involved in a motorcycle accident. Motorcycle riders know that in order to prevent accidents they must be alert at all times because most automobile and truck drivers do not pay attention to motorcycles. If you are involved in a motorcycle accident, using a Go Pro Camera may help prove the other driver's liability so that you can collect the compensation you deserve for your damages.

## WHAT IS A GO PRO CAMERA?

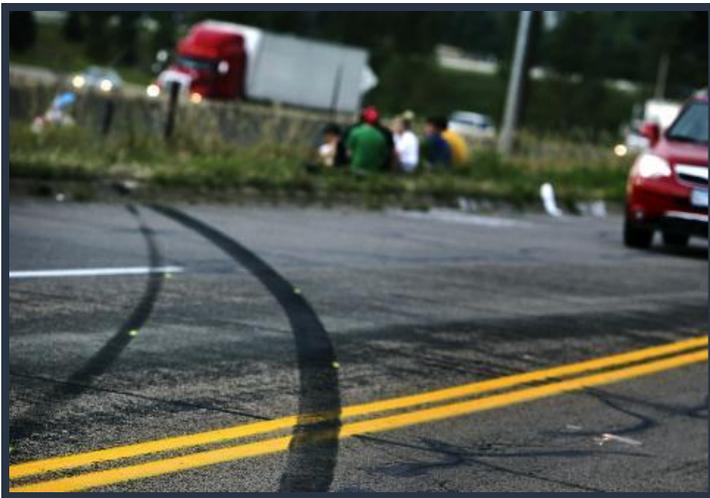


A Go Pro camera is a small camera that mounts to the rider's helmet to capture everything from the rider's point of view. Motorcyclists are using the cameras to assess and improve their riding skills and capture their ride on film to preserve memories. Go Pro cameras are a popular model of helmet cameras because they are affordable, easy to use, tech support and a variety of apps and add-ons. Go Pro takes high-quality videos and high-resolution images. In addition to providing

wonderful memories of spectacular rides, Go Pro cameras also provide invaluable evidence in the event of a motorcycle accident.

## USING HELMET CAMERAS AS EVIDENCE IN A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT CASE

Liability is often a problem in motorcycle accident cases because motorcyclists must fight a common stereotype of motorcyclists being dangerous and reckless. This stereotype is completely unfounded and unfair; however, many people believe it nonetheless. When a motorcyclist is involved in an accident, most people assume that the accident was caused by the motorcyclist driving recklessly or speeding. If there are no other witnesses, it could come down to a “he said, she said” situation. In those types of cases, a preconceived bias toward the motorcyclist could prevent the rider from collecting the damages he or she deserves from the driver who caused the accident.



In traditional cases, we use evidence found at the scene of the accident (i.e. skid marks, vehicle debris, etc.), to recreate the accident to help establish liability. Each driver typically has a different version of the accident; therefore, we try to find witness testimony to support

our client’s version of how the accident occurred. If we can find a video recording of the accident, we have a powerful piece of evidence that is almost impossible to refute. Finding a video recording from a traffic light camera, retail security camera or witness video is very unlikely and rare. Even in the cases where we may have a

video from one of these sources, the angle or quality may not be sufficient to establish liability.



On the other hand, a rider who has a Go Pro camera or other helmet or handlebar mounted camera has the ability to capture the entire motorcycle accident from the rider's point of view. Using a helmet or vehicle mounted camera is an excellent way to document liability to prove to an insurance adjuster or a jury that the rider was not at fault in the accident. It is difficult for a defense attorney to overcome video evidence of the accident in real time. For example, a defendant who is claiming that the motorcyclist caused the accident would have a very difficult time proving that allegation if you have video from a helmet camera that clearly shows the other driving turning left in front of you.

Juries typically find visual images and video very convincing. When liability is in question, having a video to document the events that occurred immediately prior to

the accident may be vital to proving your case. It could mean the difference between receiving a few thousand dollars for your injuries and hundreds of thousands of dollars for your injuries.

Whether it is someone turning in front of you, backing out of the driveway in front of you or opening a car door in your path, you probably have many close calls each time that you ride. Having a camera to document those close calls may be exactly what you need to prove your allegations of liability in the event of a motorcycle accident. Helmet cameras are easy to install, affordable and give you peace of mind when riding your motorcycle.

Sadly, motorcycle riders have a high risk of being involved in a motorcycle accident involving severe injuries. Having a Go Pro camera is an investment in your future protection in the event that liability becomes an issue in your personal injury case. In addition to giving you a great way to preserve your rides, you are protecting yourself in the event of a serious motorcycle accident.

## **YOUR INJURIES ARE PERSONAL TO ME**

My desire is that you have a safe and enjoyable time riding your motorcycle; however, in the event that you are injured due to another person's negligence, I want to see that you receive a full and just settlement for your injuries. I have based my law practice on the principle of providing each client with personal, compassionate representation. Because your injuries are personal to me, I have

even more incentive to fight for your rights. I handle each case personally to ensure you receive the benefits of hiring a skilled personal injury attorney.

## **CONTACT AN EXPERIENCED LONG BEACH MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT ATTORNEY FOR A FREE CONSULTATION**



Call The Law Office of Michael D. Waks at 888-394-1174 or use the convenient online [contact form](#) to schedule a free consultation. You are under no obligation and you will never pay any money unless you recover damages for your injuries. I offer bilingual services as part of my comprehensive approach to legal representation and I am available 24/7 to talk to you about your case.

## About the Author



### Michael D. Waks

Personal injury victims need someone who understands their pain, who is invested in them and will guide them through the complicated maze of their medical and legal worries. They need an attorney who cares about them and their families.

My name is Michael Waks and I am a personal injury attorney in the Los Angeles Area focused on the needs of people who have suffered because of someone else's actions.

While still attending Southwestern University School of Law, I clerked for a big defense law firm that represented manufacturers of asbestos. I read the files and met the people whose lives were ruined by asbestos and I knew, for the rest of my career, I wanted to help people like them: the victims, not the perpetrators.

I have been doing just that for over 30 years. As soon as I passed the Bar I opened the Law Office of Michael D. Waks in Long Beach and began exclusively representing seriously injured accident victims. I decided to be a sole practitioner so I could handle every case personally. I understand clients are different and that in the wake of an accident their suffering will be unique, ranging from physical and financial to emotional.

I tell my clients from the start, "I want you to only worry about one thing, and that is to do exactly what your doctor tells you in order to get better. Leave the rest to me."

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