

# Taking Care of the Unexpected

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If the leak is more serious, or a temporary repair doesn't hold, the tube must be replaced. The tire will also need to be replaced if it is damaged (page 98 ). Replacing a tube or tire involves removing and re-installing the wheel (pages 91 , 93 ).

If you are unable to repair a flat tire on the trail, you will need to push the motorcycle back to your base or send for help. We strongly recommend that you do not try to ride with a flat tire. The motorcycle will be hard to handle, and if the tire comes off the rim, it may lock up the wheel and cause you to crash.

## If You Crash

Personal safety is your first priority after an accident. If you or anyone else has been injured, take time to assess the severity of the injuries and whether it is safe to continue riding. If you cannot ride safely, send someone for help. Do not ride if you will risk further injury.

If you decide you are capable of riding safely, carefully inspect your motorcycle for damage and determine if it is safe to ride. Check the tightness of critical nuts and bolts securing such parts as the handlebar, control levers, brakes, and wheels.