# **Safety Guidelines**

Follow these guidelines to enhance your safety:

- Perform all routine and regular inspections specified in this manual.
- Stop the engine and keep sparks and flame away before filling the fuel tank.
- Do not run the engine in enclosed or partly enclosed areas. Carbon monoxide in exhaust gases is toxic and can kill you.

## **Always Wear a Helmet**

It's a proven fact: helmets and protective apparel significantly reduce the number and severity of head and other injuries. So always wear an approved motorcycle helmet and protective apparel. **2** P. 10

### **Before Riding**

Make sure that you are physically fit, mentally focused and free of alcohol and drugs.

#### VT1300CXA IICM type only

Check that you and your passenger are both wearing an approved motorcycle helmet and protective apparel. Instruct your passenger on holding onto the seat strap or your waist, leaning with you in turns, and keeping their feet on the footpegs, even when the motorcycle is stopped.

#### Except VT1300CXA IICM type

Check that you are wearing an approved motorcycle helmet and protective apparel.

#### **Take Time to Learn & Practice**

Even if you have ridden other motorcycles, practice riding in a safe area to become familiar with how this motorcycle works and handles, and to become accustomed to the motorcycle's size and weight.