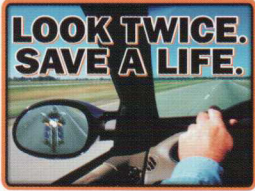


Share the Road with Motorcycles



Look for motorcycles, especially when checking traffic at an intersection. There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road and some drivers don't notice motorcycles at all.

When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or near a driveway, assume a motorcycle is closer than it appears. Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is.

Take an extra moment to thoroughly check traffic, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.

It is difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car.

Allow more following distance, say 3 or 4 seconds, to give you extra time to respond. Motorcycles are able to use their engines and gearing to slow down without using brakes. Therefore, don't depend upon a brake light to alert you to a slowing motorcycle.

Motorcycle turn signals usually are not self-canceling, so some riders, (especially beginners) may forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change.

Understand that motorcyclists may adjust lane position for their own safety, not to be reckless or show off. Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily or to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles, or other conditions.

Don't expect a motorcyclist to always get out of your way. Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions. But they can't always react the way a passenger car can.

Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly both dangerous and difficult. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because it can't always stop "on a dime."



Share the road with all road users, especially motorcycles!