

Rider Ed

Motorist actions can impact the safety of motorcyclists greatly! A large portion of motorcycle crashes involve two key components – poor speed and spatial judgment of other drivers and poor motorcyclist conspicuity.

1. Always check your blind spots.
2. Stay in your lane, never share a lane with other motorist.
3. Intersections are danger zones.
4. Watch for other turning vehicles.
5. Take a second look at left-turns. Before you cross a lane or lanes of traffic to turn left, take a second look for approaching vehicles.

Things to Do

Remain alert and vigilant on the roads

Avoid driver fatigue and the additional pressure it puts on your eyes

Avoid driver distractions and remember that the road and road users need all your attention

Do not repeatedly fix your gaze for more than a couple of seconds on any single object.

Keep your eyes moving and scan, scan, scan...!

Motorcycle crashes frequently involve a combination of high-risk behaviors by motorcyclists or motorists. These behaviors include riding or driving without a valid license or endorsement or while under the influence of alcohol, deciding not to use a safety device such as a helmet or speeding. Unfortunately, these factors frequently occur in combination with one another.

DO YOU RIDE SMART?

S Say no to drinking and riding

M Make yourself more visible to motorist

A Always wear your helmet when you ride

R Ride in Control (within legal and personal limits)

T Train regularly and get/stay endorsed

There are inherent risks when riding a motorcycle, and motorcyclists accept these risks when riding. Motorcyclists also have a duty to exercise good judgment and ride responsibly. Motorcyclists who manage risk well are those who have the knowledge, skills, attitude, values, and habits to be responsible riders.