# MOTORCYCLES ON THE ROADS

Motorcycle traffic peaks in the summer with more riders on the road. With this increased traffic, more motorcycle vehicle incidents occur, especially at intersections. Over 60% of motorcycle vehicle incidents occur at intersections.

Road users need to be aware of their surroundings, especially during the warmer months when there are more motorcycles on the roads as these vehicles are more difficult to see.

#### **DRIVER AWARENESS:**

- SCAN YOUR SURROUNDINGS
- BE ALERT
- FOLLOW AT A DISTANCE
- YIELD TO MOTORCYCLES
- 10 SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVING AROUND MOTORCYCLES





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## **MOTORCYCLES ON THE ROADS**

#### SCAN YOUR SURROUNDINGS

- Take extra time to scan intersections carefully.
- Look for motorcycles when turning left.

### **BE ALERT**

• Stay alert and avoid distractions. Keep your mind and eyes on the road.

#### FOLLOW AT A DISTANCE

• When driving behind a motorcycle, allow at least three or four seconds of stopping distance and provide plenty of lane space when passing.

#### YIELD TO MOTORCYCLES

• It can be difficult to gauge how fast a motorcycle is travelling and they are often closer than they seem - so be prepared to yield.

#### **10 SAFETY TIPS**

- 1. Always check your blind spots.
- 2. Take extra caution when passing.
- 3. Remember that motorcycles react more quickly than cars.
- 4. Wet and slick road conditions can be dangerous for motorcyclists.
- 5. Night-riding can be challenging for motorcyclists.
- 6. Stay in the right lane unless you intend to pass.
- 7. Always use indicators to inform motorcyclists of your intention to turn.
- 8. Intersections are danger zones.
- 9. Watch for turning motorcycles.
- 10. Take a second look when turning left.

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