

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

Spotting a motorcycle on the road can be just as hard as finding one in this picture.

Keep an eye out for motorcycles.



Share the road with motorcycles

Share the Road

- Road users are reminded to **never drive, bike or walk while distracted**. Doing so can result in tragic consequences for motorcyclists.
 - A motorcycle has the **same rights and privileges** as any other vehicle on the roadway.
 - **Allow the motorcyclist a full lane width**. Although it may seem there is enough room in the traffic lane for an automobile and a motorcycle, remember the motorcycle needs the room to maneuver safely. Do not share the lane.
 - **Motorcycles are small and may be difficult to see**. A motorcycle has a much smaller profile than a vehicle, which can make it more difficult to judge the speed and distance of an approaching motorcycle.
 - **Always signal your intentions** before changing lanes or merging with traffic. This allows the motorcyclist to anticipate traffic flow and find a safe lane position.
- Remember that a motorcyclist can be hidden in a vehicle's blind spot or missed in a quick look due to its smaller size. **Always make a visual check for motorcycles** by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections.
 - **Don't be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle** – motorcycle signals may not be self-canceling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn before you proceed.
 - Remember that **road conditions that are minor annoyances to motorists can pose major hazards to motorcyclists**. Motorcycle riders may change speed or adjust position within a lane suddenly in reaction to road and traffic conditions such as potholes, gravel, wet or slippery surfaces, pavement seams, railroad crossings, and grooved pavement.
 - **Allow more following distance when following a motorcycle** so the motorcycle rider has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. In dry conditions, motorcycles can stop more quickly than cars.