

LIGHT IT UP

HEADLIGHTS Turn your headlights on high beam during the day. Headlight modulation kits are legal under the Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS)

BRAKE LIGHTS Flash your brake light several times before you stop. Brake light deceleration devices are available, and they warn motorists that you are preparing to slow down or stop.

TURN SIGNALS We all know how to use turn signals, but make sure you turn them off after a turn is completed. Motorists don't always know that many motorcycles do NOT have self-cancelling turn signals.

HORN Use it to get attention, but don't rely on it. Some motorcycle horns can't be heard over traffic or stereo systems.

LANE POSITIONING Position yourself for maximum safety and visibility, and make sure other drivers can see you in their mirrors.

GROUPS Riding in a group can be safer than riding alone if done correctly. Small groups of 6 to 7 riders are the safest. Impatient motorists may want to pass a group of riders. If the group is too large, merging can become dangerous.

The more **LIGHTS** on your motorcycle, the more visible you are.

MOTORCYCLE AND MOTORCYCLE FACTS

MOTORCYCLES ARE SMALLER AND NARROWER

This makes them more difficult to see and to gauge speed and distance. A motorcycle may be hidden behind a bush or mailbox. Because of their small size, it is often difficult to determine speed and distance. They are more difficult to see in traffic.

DO NOT HAVE PROTECTIVE EXTERIORS

Even with proper safety gear, motorcyclists are at a much higher risk of injury.

STOP MORE QUICKLY THAN CARS OR TRUCKS

Allow at least a 3 second following distance on dry pavement and a 5 second following distance during poor weather conditions.

MANOEUVRE DIFFERENTLY

Motorcycles have a right to an entire lane just like cars and trucks, however a motorcycle may only occupy 1.2 meters of a 3.7 meter lane. While a motorcyclist typically rides in the left track of the lane, he or she may move to avoid obstacles or debris. Motorcycles have no seatbelts, and are more vulnerable to the wind, weather and road conditions.

MOST ACCIDENTS WITH MOTORCYCLES CAN BE AVOIDED!

LEFT TURNS AND INTERSECTIONS

Over 40% of all motorcycle accidents occur at intersections, especially when a car or truck is making a left turn. WHY? Because often a motorist has failed to yield the right of way, and turned left in front of a motorcycle. Motorists should be wary of blind spots and actively focus while they are, "LOOKING TWICE." In multi-lane intersections look for a helmet above the vehicles, and extra tires below.

FOLLOWING AT UNSAFE DISTANCES

Motorcycles weigh less than cars and trucks, so they are able to stop more quickly and in shorter distances than other vehicles. Put extra distance between you and the bike in front of you to avoid a rear end collision. Follow at least 3 seconds or more when road conditions are ideal, and at least 5 seconds when road conditions are bad. Larger vehicles should increase this margin.

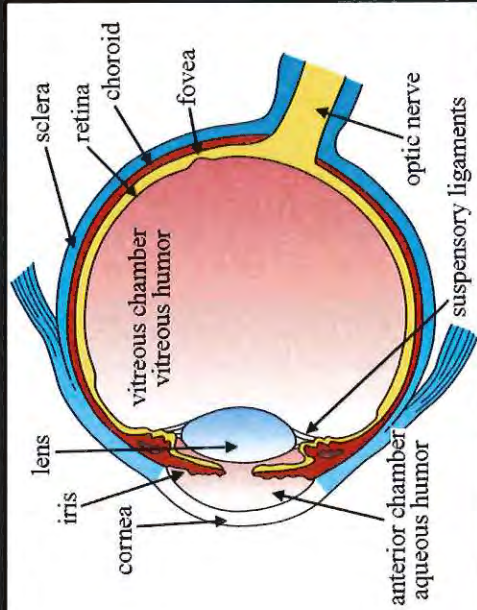
GROUP RIDERS

Motorcyclists often ride in groups. Although riding in small groups is recommended, occasionally the groups are large. If it is necessary to pass a group of riders make **ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN** that you have a safe place to merge. Remember that motorcyclists have a right to the entire lane.

ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT!

**DRIVE AWARE!
MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE!**

LOOK TWICE - SAVE A LIFE! "THE SCIENCE"



OUR EYES ARE NOT MADE FOR DRIVING THEY ARE MADE FOR HUNTING

There is a very small part of our eyes that process high definition images. The rest of the image will be processed by your brain as a series of pulses. The pulses are called fixations. The space between pulses are called saccades. If a driver's head moves too quickly left, right, and left again, and the driver is not actively focusing on what he or she sees, a small image like a motorcycle may fall within the fixations and not be processed by the brain at all!

Look left and focus. Continue to focus as you turn your head to the right, focusing nearer and then farther away. Continue to actively focus on images as you turn your head to the left again - looking near then far.

KEEP PRACTICING!



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