

## MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC SAFETY

**A motorcycle is only as safe as its operator.**

The safe rider will spend much time learning to ride and developing his riding skills in an uncongested area before venturing into traffic.

1. In many motorcycle traffic accidents, the automobile driver does not see the motorcyclist in time to avoid an accident. The motorcyclist can make other motorists more aware of his presence by:
  - \* Wearing brighter, more visible clothing.
  - \* Avoiding the "blind spot" of other vehicles and driving defensively.
2. Many motorcycle accidents occur at intersections, parking lot entrances, exits, and driveways. The motorcyclist must show extra caution at these locations.
3. Excessive speed is a factor in many motorcycle accidents. Obey the speed limits and NEVER travel faster than conditions warrant.
4. Many motorcycle accidents involve inexperienced riders. A new motorcyclist should thoroughly familiarize himself with his motorcycle before attempting to ride on public roads. NEVER lend your motorcycle to an inexperienced rider.
5. Most fatal motorcycle accidents are due to head injuries. The motorcyclist should ALWAYS wear a helmet. He should also wear other protective apparel including eye protection, boots, gloves, and heavy clothing.
6. This machine is designed for speeds up to 40 km/h (25 mph).  
Operation on roads where other vehicles are traveling at greater rates of speed is not advisable and requires special care and driving safety.
7. Avoid hitting road hazards such as sharp bumps and holes in the road surface. These hazards can cause loss of control or structural damage to the vehicle.