

RESPECT THE RIDE ONLINE TOOLKIT

This online toolkit, Respect the Ride, is designed to be used by driver education providers and instructors. The goal is to bring attention to the risks motorcyclists encounter on the road in the hopes of reducing crashes, injuries, and fatalities. The toolkit includes a motorcyclist safety quiz, video, tip sheet, and all the info for the driver education curriculum. The toolkit encourages student discussion, participation, critical thinking, and information retention.

Quiz

Give the students the quiz first to determine how much knowledge they have about the risk factors that lead to motorcycle and vehicle crashes.

- Use the term motorcyclist instead of a motorcycle when discussing the subject with students to emphasize that lives are at stake.
- While reviewing the quiz answers, encourage discussion about the common misconceptions drivers have about the risks of motorcyclists and their crash risks.
- Instill in students the importance of remaining alert while driving and taking extra precautions to watch for motorcyclists when traveling in residential areas and at intersections.
- Many people believe freeways are more dangerous because of the higher speeds, but freeways are safer because traffic entries and exits are controlled and in the same direction.
- Streets with numerous parking lot entrances and intersections are more dangerous due to the constant crossing traffic. It is difficult to see a motorcyclist in a heavy traffic area due to their smaller size.

Video

After playing the video, ask the students about their thoughts.

- From the video, what did they see that the drivers did correctly?
- What did they notice that the drivers were not doing correctly?
- What are some things they can do while driving to reduce their chances of being hit by a motorcycle or being involved in a motorcycle crash?

Tip Sheet

Review the safe driving tips with the students.

- Discuss the role drivers have while sharing the road safely with motorcyclists.
- Provide strategies for avoiding motorcycle and vehicle collisions, such as looking twice, leaning forward to check around their car's pillars, and tilting forward to look around obstacles.

Your time and effort are greatly appreciated. The motorcycle awareness brought to the attention of drivers with this program can help spare the lives of a motorcyclist who can be a relative, friend, or neighbor. This program encourages drivers to drive safely and respect the ride.



BE AWARE OF MOTORCYCLIST HEAR US. SEE US. SPREAD THE WORD.

SAFETY AND AWARENESS TIPS TO HELP YOU SHARE THE ROAD WITH MOTORCYCLISTS

In South Florida, more than 300,000 motorcyclists share the road daily. Always look out for a single headlight on the road - it can be a motorcyclist. Being alert to their presence can help you be a safer driver, avoid a tragedy and save lives. When looking out for motorcyclists, see beyond the motorcycle. The rider can be your friend, family, co-worker, or neighbor. Below are some tips that will help you become aware of motorcyclists, encourage drivers to drive safely, and respect the ride.

1. LISTENING FOR MOTORCYCLES

Hearing a motorcyclist is difficult on the street. Be alert of their presence by keeping your attention on the road. It's hard to listen to a motorcycle on a noisy and busy street.

2. AVOID DISTRACTIONS

Keep distractions out of reach to avoid looking at them. Checking your phone, changing the radio, eating, drinking, or checking your GPS can have deadly consequences.

3. KEEP WATCHFUL EYES

Always assume motorcyclists are closer than they appear. A motorcyclist's speed and distance can make it challenging for drivers to see them. Look out for a single headlight on the road that may indicate it's most likely a motorcyclist.

4. MOTORCYCLISTS CAN DISAPPEAR IN BLIND SPOTS

Always look twice when changing lanes and merging, check your mirrors, and always use your turning

5. MOTORCYCLIST HAND SIGNALS

Many motorcyclists use hand signals as indicators of their intentions on the road. A right turn is signaled by a left-arm raised, a left turn by a left arm straight out, and a stop or slow down by a left-arm downward.

6. KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE

When motorcyclists slow down by downshifting, the brake lights do not activate. Give yourself extra space when driving behind a motorcycle, especially on a busy road. Motorcycles cannot slow down as fast as a vehicle.

7. STAY ALERT IN ALL INTERSECTIONS

When turning left - it is crucial to look twice for motorcyclists before turning left. It is safest to let the motorcycle pass to avoid turning in front of the rider. Nearly one in three motorcycle fatalities happen at a roadway intersection.

8. MOTORCYCLE VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

According to research data, motorcycle accidents mostly happen on busy streets and communities, not highways. On many occasions, due to the shape and size of motorcycles, they are often overlooked.

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RESPECT THE RIDE QUIZ

1. While driving, you can rely on hearing a motorcycle.

- A. TRUE B. FALSE

2. What are some distractions to avoid while driving that will prevent a vehicle – motorcycle accident?

- A. Changing the radio station
- B. Checking your phone
- C. Eating and drinking
- D. Check your GPS
- E. All the above.

3. Motorists making a left turn can be deadly for motorcyclists because:

- A. Motorists assume motorcyclists are farther than they appear.
- B. Motorcyclists are racing through the streets.
- C. Motorists make sure to look twice before making a left turn.

4. Tips on noticing a motorcycle on the road.

- A. Remain alert and always look twice for all vehicles on the road.
- B. Assume motorcyclists are closer than they appear.
- C. Keep an eye out for single headlights on the road.
- D. A, B, and C.
- E. None of the above.

5. Checking your blind spot when merging and changing lanes, using your turn signal, and looking twice can prevent a motorcycle-vehicle crash.

- A. TRUE B. FALSE

6. Keeping a safe distance from motorcycles is necessary because:

- A. A motorcyclist can slow down, and brakes will not activate.
- B. A motorcyclist can change positions within their lane.
- C. Motorcycles cannot slow down as fast as a vehicle.
- D. All of the above.

7. Is recognizing motorcyclist hand signals essential?

- A. YES, because they use them as indicators of their intentions.
- B. NO, because it is only essential to keep a safe distance.

8. Most motorcycle accidents happen on the highway.

- A. TRUE B. FALSE



RESPECT THE RIDE QUIZ ANSWER KEY

1. B. FALSE

Hearing a motorcyclist is not always reliable. It is hard to listen to a motorcycle approaching on a noisy street. Always remember to look twice and remain alert at all times to help make a difference.

2. E. All the above.

Keep distractions out of your reach to avoid looking at them. While driving, checking your phone text, notifications, changing the radio station, eating, drinking, or checking your GPS can have deadly consequences. Make sure your passengers are also not a distraction for everybody's safety.

3. A. Motorists assume motorcyclists are farther than they appear.

Always assume motorcyclists are closer than they appear. A motorcycle's speed and distance can be hard to determine due to its shape and size. Do not get in front of the motorcycle's path. The motorcyclist cannot break as fast as a vehicle and may cause a deadly motorcycle-vehicle crash.

4. D. A, B, and C.

Always look twice, especially when making a left. Always ask yourself if a motorcyclist is approaching. Keep an eye out for one headlight on the road, and always assume that motorcycles are closer than they appear. These steps will save lives.

5. A. TRUE

It is vital to look twice when changing lanes and merging. Motorcycles have a smaller profile and can be harder to see from a distance. Check your mirrors, and always use turn signals.

6. D. All of the above.

The streets in South Florida are always busy with traffic. We need to make sure we keep a safe distance from other vehicles. When motorcyclists slow down by switching to a lower gear, the brake lights do not activate. This action is not commonly known to drivers. Give yourself extra space to avoid a possible collision with a motorcycle. Keep in mind motorcycles cannot slow down as fast as a vehicle can. Keeping a safe distance helps keep everyone safe.

7. A. YES, because they use them as indicators of their intentions.

Many motorcyclists use hand signals as indicators of their intentions on the road. A right turn is signaled by a left-arm raised, a left turn by a left arm straight out, and a stop or slow down by a left-arm downward. We must recognize these signals and always keep a safe distance.

8. B. FALSE

Research studies show most motorcycle-vehicle accidents happen in our busy streets and close to home. Occasionally motorcyclists are overlooked on the road due to their shape and size. It is imperative to look twice at intersections and stop signs. Always think of the person under the helmet they can be a friend, a family member, or a neighbor. We want everyone to make it back home safely.

