

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Tips for Sharing the Road

For Motorcyclist

Practice Defensive Driving

As a motorcyclist, you are less visible. Take a defensive approach to riding by making sure drivers know of your presence. Avoid driving within another vehicle's blind spot, and always be prepared to act when a driver does not see you. To help communicate your future actions to others on the road make sure to properly use your turn signal and deactivate it after use.

Protect Yourself

Always wear a properly fitting helmet meeting Alberta's Safety Helmet Standards. Along with a helmet, wearing protective gear can significantly reduce the severity of injuries sustained in the event of an accident.

Know Your Limits

Both you and your motorcycle have limits, ride within that limit. Choose a motorcycle appropriate for your skill level. Ensure your motorcycle is safe for riding by inspecting it before use and by following the manufacturer's maintenance schedule.

For Motorcyclist & Motorists

Never Drive Distracted or Under the Influence

Distracted driving or driving under the influence significantly increases your chances of getting in an accident. Avoid putting yourself and everyone's life at risk. Report those suspected to be driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

For Motorists

Share the Road

Be aware of your surroundings and accommodate everyone on the road by staying alert to changing conditions and giving everyone on the road the space they need to safely operate their vehicle. Make sure to provide extra following distance when behind a motorcycle as larger vehicles need more time to stop than smaller vehicles, such as motorcycles.

Watch for Motorcycles

With weather only permitting the operation of motorcycles for a limited number of months in Alberta, many drivers may not be accustomed to looking for motorcycles during motorcycle riding season.

Accommodate Driving Conditions

Weather and road conditions can significantly reduce the capabilities of your vehicle and reduce visibility. Drive according to the weather by slowing down and being mindful of how conditions influence your vehicle's capabilities.