

The following emphasizes the importance of sharing the road safely with motorcyclists and outlines key considerations for drivers. It highlights the vulnerability of motorcyclists to injury and the need for drivers to be attentive and cautious around them. Additionally, it provides specific situations that can lead to collisions with motorcyclists and offers preventive measures for drivers to avoid such accidents, such as checking for oncoming motorcyclists before turning left and being vigilant when opening vehicle doors.

MOTORCYCLES Motorcyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as other drivers. With minimal crash protection, motorcyclists are very vulnerable to injury, even death, when hit by a larger vehicle. Motorcyclists are entitled to the same full lane width as other vehicles.

Motorcyclists frequently move around in their lane so they can see, be seen and avoid road hazards. Also, be aware that strong winds can unexpectedly move a motorcycle out of its lane. There are some additional situations and conditions you need to be aware of so you can safely share the road with motorcyclists: ● Motorcycles are smaller than other motor vehicles, harder to see and can move faster and stop quicker than expected. ● Road defects and debris can create dangers for motorcyclists. ● Watch for motorcyclists, use extra caution when driving around them and increase your following distance. Avoiding Collisions: Drivers can help to prevent collisions with motorcyclists by knowing the most common causes of motorist-motorcyclist collisions below and how to avoid them. Following are the cause of collision and how to prevent:

- Motorist turning left in front of an oncoming bicyclist -> Look for oncoming bicyclists riding on the shoulder or edge of the lane before turning
- Motorist or bicyclist running a stop sign or stop signal -> Stop first, then proceed into intersection yielding to others.
- Motorist opening a vehicle door without looking behind for a passing bicyclist -> Always check behind you before opening a door into the roadway
- Bicyclist riding the wrong way against traffic, toward the motorist -> Ride bicycles in the same direction as traffic
- Motorist pulling out from a driveway and failing to see a bicyclist on road or sidewalk -> Check both directions when crossing a sidewalk, bike path, or road.