

These rules do not give the right-of-way to anyone. They only state who is to give way.

So, NEVER assume that you have the right-of-way just because the other drivers are supposed to give way to you.

## **CONTROLLED INTERSECTIONS**

250. A controlled intersection is an intersection which has traffic lights, Give-Way signs, Stop signs or a policeman on duty.

The Highway Code tells us clearly what we should or should not do at these places. Yet many drivers simply do not obey these rules; they go through Give-way signs and Stop signs without stopping, and may even pass through the intersection though the red light is on.

A safe rider must anticipate such reckless acts at both uncontrolled and controlled intersections. Proceed through an intersection only when it is legal and safe to proceed.

## **DEFENSIVE APPROACH TO ADOPT**

### **INTERSECTION SAFETY RULES**

251. The Intersection Safety Rules are a combination of:
- (i) The rules for intersections as set out in the Highway Code, and
  - (ii) Common sense

The Intersection Safety Rules comprise of the following rules:

- 1) **KNOW**
- 2) **SLOW**
- 3) **SHOW**
- 4) **GO**

## **RULE 1 – KNOW YOUR ROUTE AND PLAN AHEAD**

Know In advance where you want to go and what you have to do.

Know your give way rules, but do not expect all other drivers to know.

Know the 6 positions which can result in a 2-vehicle crash.

Know the stopping distance.

## **RULE 2 - SLOW FOR INTERSECTIONS AND EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED**

Slow down gradually when approaching Intersections. Intersections are not for speeding. Your speed should be such that if you have to stop your motorcycle, you can do so without losing control.

It is a good idea to ease off the accelerator before passing minor roads joining from the left or right, as if you are obliged to give way. In an event you need to stop your motorcycle to prevent a collision, you could have saved the 'reaction distance' - a crucial 8 to 10 metres saved can change the whole picture.

Remember: A Red traffic light or a Stop sign cannot physically stop a car from going through. Always slow down and be prepared to give way.

## **RULE 3 - SHOW YOUR INTENTION BY YOUR POSITION AND SIGNAL**

Knowing what you intend to do is not enough, you have to let other drivers know your intentions as well.

You can do so by getting into the proper lane early and signal your turn well in advance (at least 3 seconds), before making your move.

## **RULE 4 - GO WITH CARE**