

TYRE PUNCTURES

265. When a tyre punctures, there will be a strong pull on the motorcycle, making it sway from side to side. The pull is greater for the front wheel than for the rear wheel. When this happens, tighten your grip on the handle bar and steer against the pull to keep on course. Brake gently and progressively and stop the vehicle by the side of the road.

ENGINE OVERHEATING

266. When the engine of your motorcycle overheats, there will be a sudden increase in engine noise and engine revolutions. When this happens;
- Move the motorcycle safely to the side of the road with hazard lights or left indicator on.
 - Pull in the clutch lever fully.
 - Steer the motorcycle safely to the side of the road.
 - Switch off the engine.

BUS LANE

267. You can ride on the bus lane outside restricted hours. During bus lane prohibited hours, a rider is only allowed to use the bus lane when the rider is trying to avoid a collision.

HIGH FUEL CONSUMPTION

268. Rapid acceleration and harsh braking can cause high fuel consumption.

FIRE

269. When your motorcycle catches fire while riding, you should stop immediately.

ACCIDENTS

270. There are three factors which contribute to a traffic accident:

- The road users;
- The environment;
- The vehicle.

Of the three factors, nearly most of the traffic accidents are caused by road users and are due mainly to:

- errors in judgement, especially by children and the elderly, and
- riding without due care and attention.

When you are involved in an accident, you should stop irrespective of whether there is an injury or not. Remember to switch on the vehicle hazard lights to warn the other road users of the accident.

In an accident where there is no injury:

- the drivers involved should move their vehicles quickly and safely to the roadside to avoid creating a hazardous situation for other road users;
- both parties should settle the matter among themselves;
- if the matter cannot be settled privately, both parties should inform their respective insurance companies of the accident;
- it is not necessary to report the accident to the police.

In an accident where there is injury:

- seek help from passers-by to warn other road users of possible obstruction(s) or danger arising from the accident;
- call for the police and the ambulance;
- do not move or remove your vehicle without the authority of a police officer, unless:
 - the injured person has to be conveyed to a hospital;
 - it is necessary to extricate a trapped person, to prevent a fire, or reduce serious traffic hazards as a result of the accident;
- inform your insurance company of the accident.