

After you have observed the necessary safety precautions as described from Rule 1 to 4, go through the Intersection without hesitation or being overly cautious.

Lastly, give way to pedestrian who are crossing at the Intersection when you are turning.

ACCIDENT WITH OVER-TAKING VEHICLE

252. You could be involved in accident when the vehicle overtakes you.

These are some of the common reasons for accidents arising due to over-taking;

- The driver's judgement is affected because he is not in the right state of mind mentally (tired, sleepy, drunk, worried, angry, impatient etc.);
- The road condition is not suitable for high speed travelling (uneven or slippery road surface, hilly or winding road);
- The driver's vision is affected by oncoming headlight glare or poor weather conditions.

Whatever the reasons, accident with an overtaking vehicle will always put you in a disadvantageous position. Whether we are being sideswiped or forced off the road, there is always a possibility of a second accident due to inability to control our motorcycle at such speeds.

DEFENSIVE APPROACH TO ADOPT

As a sensible rider, you should therefore always ride at a speed that matches the prevailing traffic flow. This will eliminate the need for others to overtake you.

However, should someone still attempt to overtake you, you should make it easy for him by either slowing down your speed, or moving over to the left to give him more time and space to complete the manoeuvre.

You do this simply because you don't want to become the victim of some irresponsible or careless driver.

ACCIDENT WITH THE VEHICLE BEING OVERTAKEN

253. Lastly, an accident could occur between you and the vehicle you are overtaking. In our local driving conditions, there is very little time saved from overtaking as the vehicle we have just overtaken will always pull alongside us at the next traffic light. Overtaking creates unnecessary wear and tear on the motorcycle and causes excessive fuel consumption. It also adds stress on the already stressful rider.

Often a result of road rage, overtaking a vehicle could result in the other driver reacting emotionally towards being overtaken. The driver could start to race with you, resulting in you being trapped and unable to respond to adverse events. This could result in you colliding with an oncoming vehicle, being forced off the road, or colliding with the vehicle you are trying to overtake.

An accident could occur also if there is inadequate distance available within which overtaking can be completed safely.

This distance may be limited by:

- oncoming cars,
- roadway terrain that may restrict front view,
- legal prohibition against overtaking.

Successful overtaking requires the driver to make decisions based on his own good judgement to carry out the complex procedure of overtaking. He has no allowance for any doubts or indecision. Bear in mind that overtaking can be a disruptive manoeuvre that disturbs traffic in your lane and the oncoming lane. It can also cause an emotional reaction in drivers being overtaken.