

Experienced riders know local traffic laws - and they don't take risks. Obey traffic lights, signs, speed limits, and lane markings; ride with the flow of traffic and leave plenty of room between your bike and other vehicles; and always check behind you and signal before you change lanes. Remember to ride defensively.

An experienced police officer once asked, what does a Green Light mean? The obvious answer was you can go. He paused and then went on to answer that very profound question with this answer: It means the bulb works. Always take a moment to look and make sure the other traffic has stopped before proceeding through an intersection. Just a thought to consider.

Many multi-vehicle motorcycle crashes are generally caused when another driver simply didn't see you. Proceed cautiously at intersections and yield to pedestrians and other vehicles as appropriate. You can increase your visibility by applying reflective materials to your motorcycle and by always keeping your motorcycle's headlights on, even using high beams during the day. Don't forget those Hi-Vis vests or jackets that will help the other drivers see YOU!!!

Alcohol and drugs, including some prescribed medications, negatively affect your judgment, coordination, balance, throttle control, and ability to shift gears. These substances also impair your alertness and reduce your reaction time. Even when you're fully alert, it's impossible to predict what other vehicles or pedestrians are going to do. Therefore, make sure you are alcohol and drug free when you get on your motorcycle.

Safe Travels!

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