

SAFETY CORNER

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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

BE VISIBLE

- Remember that motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles.
- Make sure your headlight works and is on day and night.
- Avoid riding in the blind spots of cars or trucks.
- Have an escape route in case a motorist doesn't see you.

DRESS FOR SAFETY

- Wear quality helmet and eye protection. A full face helmet provides the best protection.
- Wear leather or other sturdy, protective clothing (jacket or pants) to include over the ankle boots.
- Dress for a crash as well as for the ride.

APPLY EFFECTIVE MENTAL STRATEGIES

- Constantly search the road for changing conditions.
- Use lane positioning to see and be seen.
- Search for vehicles that may turn across your path, especially at intersections.
- Use your turn signals for all turns and lane changes.
- Don't ride when you're tired or under the influence of alcohol.
- Know and follow the rules of the road.

KNOW YOUR BIKE AND HOW TO USE IT

- Study your motorcycle's owners manual.
- Develop your riding techniques before venturing into traffic.
- Corner within your skill limits. Aggressive cornering is a major cause of crashes.
- Know how to handle your bike in adverse conditions such as wet or sandy roads, high wind, and uneven surfaces.