

SAFETY CORNER

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WHAT IS THE 12 SECOND RULE FOR MOTORCYCLES?

Bikers enjoy a freedom that many automobile drivers can only imagine. The thrill of the open road and the sense of adventure that goes along with it can be addictive. But staying safe is important, which could explain why bikers ride so close to the yellow line.

Scanning the road ahead for any potential problems is crucial, and it's a strategy known as the 12 second rule. As a biker, it could very well save your life. The 12 second rule is about being aware of what's in front of you for 12 seconds down the road.

Think about someone driving a car that could be turning out into the road in your lane. Its defense driving: anticipating what could go wrong and taking steps to avoid a potential disaster if the worse happens. For example, at 30 miles per hour, you should be focusing on the road about 528 feet in front of you. The faster you go, the farther you need to look.

But bikers using the 12-second rule are aware of vehicles in front of them. They are also paying attention to pedestrians and possible road hazards. Once the rider spots the danger, they can slow down or even pull over for safety reasons. In the end, the 12-second rule improves reaction time and keeps you safe.

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**Road Captains' Meeting @ 8:30am at HD Saturday, January 10th
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