

Share the Road with Motorcycles

Wisconsin Act 466 goes into effect on October 1, 2006. Drivers' Education Instructors need to be prepared...

Wisconsin Act 466 requires that:

Information on safely Sharing the Road With Motorcycles Be included in all Drivers' Education classes.

The following list of important talking points may be included in the classroom discussion regarding motorcycle traffic rights and safety concerns.

- 🏍️ Approximately one-half of all motorcycle crashes involve another motor vehicle. Nearly 40 percent were caused by the other vehicle turning left in front of the motorcyclist.**
- 🏍️ Start looking for motorcycles**
- 🏍️ Expect to see them**
- 🏍️ Be especially alert in the Spring.**

- 🏍️ Motorcycles are small and may be difficult to see. Motorcycles have a much smaller profile than vehicles, which can make it more difficult to judge the speed and distance of an approaching motorcycle.**

- 🏍️ Always signal your intention before changing lanes or merging with traffic. This allows the motorcyclist to anticipate traffic flow and find a safe lane position.**

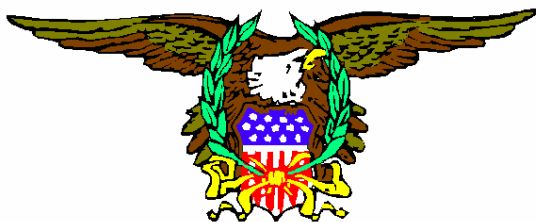
- 🏍️ Remember that road conditions which are minor annoyances to you pose major hazards to motorcyclists. Motorcyclists may change speed or adjust their position within a lane suddenly in reaction to road and traffic conditions such as potholes, gravel, wet or slippery surfaces, pavement seams, railroad crossings, and grooved pavement.**

- 🏍️ Remember that motorcyclists are often hidden in a vehicle's blind spot or missed in a quick look due to their smaller size. Always make a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic before you proceed.**



- 🏍️ **Anticipate maneuvers the motorcyclist can make – especially those that may differ from what car drivers may do... remember the potholes and windblasts.**
- 🏍️ **Don't be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle. Motorcycle signals usually are not self-canceling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn before you proceed.**
- 🏍️ **Allow motorcycles a full lane width. Although it may seem as though there is enough room in the traffic lane for an automobile and a motorcycle, remember the motorcycle needs the room to maneuver safely. Do not share the lane.**
- 🏍️ **Allow more following distance, three or four seconds, following a motorcycle so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. In dry conditions motorcycles can stop more quickly than a car.**
- 🏍️ **Be especially watchful at intersections when you are getting ready to turn left.**
 - 🏍️ **Check again, is there a motorcycle coming towards you?**
 - 🏍️ **How fast is it really approaching?**
- 🏍️ **Remember the four-second rule and don't tailgate.**

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