

# Drive Aware We're Out There

Many motorcycle crashes can be attributed to the driver of the other vehicle not seeing the motorcyclist.

Why doesn't the average driver see a motorcyclist? Motorists tend to look for other cars and trucks. In addition, because of its small profile, a motorcycle is harder to see.

A motorcyclist's riding pattern also differs from that of other motorists, Traffic, weather, and road conditions often require a motorcyclist to respond differently than other drivers.

You can **Drive Aware** of motorcyclists and the situations where crashes are likely to occur:

- **Look out for motorcyclists**

Be aware that although you may not see any cars or trucks, there may be an unnoticed motorcycle.

- **Anticipate a motorcyclist's maneuver**

Motorcyclists may change positions within a lane to respond to road conditions, weather or other factors.

- **Signal your intentions**

Even if you don't see cars in front or behind you, look carefully in all directions for approaching motorcyclists.

- **Respect a motorcycle**

Treat motorcycles as a full-sized vehicle with equal rights to the road. Give motorcycles a full lane.

- **Allow plenty of space when following a motorcycle**

The slightest contact can mean a spill and/or injury for the rider.

