

# WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES



## DRIVER TIPS

- 1** After a crash involving a motorcycle, drivers often say, “I didn’t see him.” Increased awareness of motorcycles will make you more likely to see them.
- 2** Motorcycles are often hidden in blind spots or masked by objects or conditions outside the car (bushes, fences, bridges, the sun, etc.). Take extra time to look for motorcycles.
- 3** Always assume a motorcycle is closer than it appears; its speed and distance is difficult for drivers to judge.
- 4** Don’t expect that a motorcyclist will always be able to maneuver out of the way.
- 5** Depending on road conditions, a motorcyclist may take longer to stop. Always allow more following distance behind a motorcycle.
- 6** Motorcyclists often slow down by downshifting or rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Allow more following distance, and at intersections anticipate a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning.
- 7** When you “Watch for Motorcycles,” see more than the motorcycle – see the person under the helmet. He or she could be your friend, neighbor, or relative.

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