



# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TIPS

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## AVOID BLIND SPOTS

The “**blind spot**” is the area around a vehicle that its driver is unable to see when shoulder checking or using the mirrors. Vehicles come in various shapes and sizes and as such, the size and location of the blind spot varies. Riding in someone’s blind spot is particularly dangerous to those of us on motorbikes as we are more vulnerable to an injury if an accident occurs. Thankfully there are some steps we can take to minimize the risk these blind spots create.

When following a vehicle, remain a comfortable distance behind it so that you will be clearly visible in its rearview mirror. If you need to pass, activate your signal light and then move into the passing lane while still a comfortable distance behind the vehicle. Position your bike to the left side of the passing lane to increase the cushion of space between you and the vehicle. Complete your pass in an efficient and controlled manner minimizing the time you spend travelling through the vehicles blind spot. Never overtake a vehicle as it approaches an intersection.

The less time we spend travelling in a blind spot the safer our ride will be.