



# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TIPS

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## SHARING OUR ROADS

Whether you chalk it up to global warming or plain old Kamloops good luck, spring seems to be well on its way. For those of us that ride, this means we will soon be insuring our motorcycles. With that in mind, I thought it would be helpful to dedicate this column to a few tips I have been taught to assist vehicles and riders to share our roads safely.

First, we simply have to remember that motorcycles will soon be on the roads, so we all have to be vigilant and double check our blind spots. As riders, we want to make sure we are both seen and heard; wear reflective and visible clothing, ensure our lights are operating, minimize any time travelling in blind spots and use our horn to alert others of our presence. People sometimes see better with their ears!

Early season riding presents other challenges. Roads may have pot holes and deposits of sand and other debris not yet cleared by street sweepers. This is of particular concern while cornering.

With awareness and an understanding attitude, we should all be able to enjoy our roads safely.