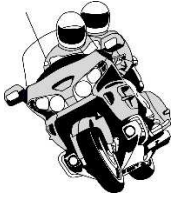
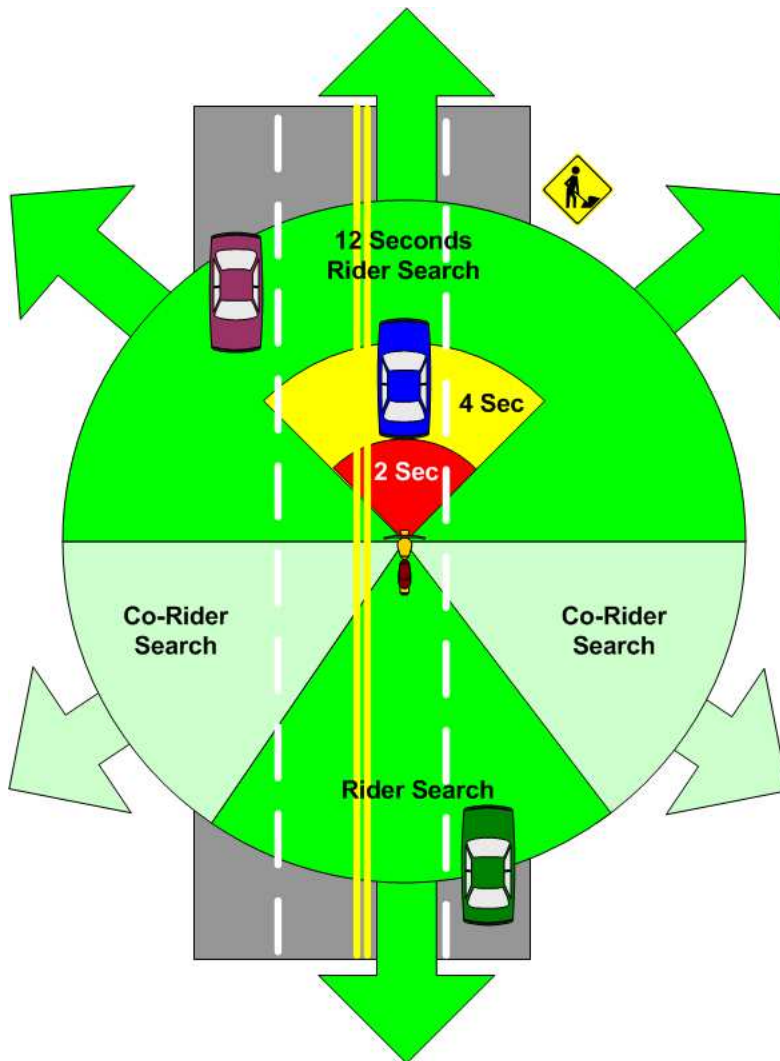


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The rider courses in the *GWRRR* Rider Education Program teach us to look out for anything happening around us while we ride. If you have taken an *ARC* or *TRC* class, you might remember the slide that shows this



Look at it closely. Your position is the figure of the motorcycle in the middle. We are assuming in this picture you have a co-rider or at least where the co-rider should be looking. The 2 second zone is the point at which you need to take action. The 4 second zone is when you need to be looking to act. The 12 second zone is the area you need to searching/scanning for potential threads to you.

Let's think about that point for a second. You are traveling at 70mph. How many feet is 12 seconds ahead? I'll wait for your math brain to kick in..... Got it? Yes, over 1200 feet!!! That is almost one quarter of a mile!!! So, at 70mph you are traveling at ~103ft/s. How about 34.3 yards per second or a football field in about 3 seconds give or take a few nanoseconds!! WOW!! If this doesn't get you keeping your head on a swivel or at least looking way out ahead for hazards you really should consider not riding a motorcycle. We all do so I strongly suggest you take a course even though you've been riding forever. You might just learn something!!

Ride Smart, Ride Safe

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