

QUICK TIPS

PRETEND YOU ARE INVISIBLE

If you ride in motorcycle, you know that out on the road you might as well be transparent, because car drivers often don't "see" you. They might notice the car or truck behind you, but you, to all good "normalcy," may not register in the short notice of some big steel drivelines.

That's why, as mentioned in other tips, turn left in front of you at all intersections.



That's also why a driver in the rear lane won't change lanes and back in your direction before changing lanes, might run into your lane.



That's, driver might believe the big steel when they're not distracted by their cell phone, GPS, satellite radio, or other form of major entertainment. To lose driver awareness for being "invisible" is almost

to be a compromise at possible. Use bright lighting and a light-colored helmet. Always have your headlights on, and use your high beam or an aftermarket headlight modulator during the day before dawn.

Take an approved rider training course. Learn how to minimize your motorcycle's normal and emergency situations, and practice leading and steering techniques often. This understanding that gets riding depends as much on the mental skills of awareness and judgment as it does on the physical skill of maneuvering the machine. Respond early to possible hazards instead of having to react instantly to an emergency.

Assume you're invisible. If you assume others on the road can't see you, and any car that can't see you, will hit you, you will tend to ride in a hyper-aware mindset and learn to notice every detail of your surroundings. In other words, you will take extra responsibility for your safety and take defensively. You will stay your speed and lane position to "show yourself" in the best spot on the road to avoid collisions, plan escape paths to use a driver cannot see your intentions, cover your tracks, pretend to control your reactions, and your horn to alert a driver who doesn't notice you, and always ride within your limits.

Get involved! Don't ask about that? Expect it to fail, and expect some? Expect it may be as hard as the physical bit. More with the spirit, skills, attention, and attention. **MSF 800-452-6273**