



Safety Tip of the Week

Ride Smart, Ride Safe

May is National Bike and Motorcycle Safety month and serves as an important reminder that safety on the road is everyone's responsibility. Whether you're riding a bicycle through your neighborhood or traveling on a motorcycle across highways, understanding and practicing safe riding habits can prevent accidents and save lives.

Safety Awareness Matters

Cyclists and motorcyclists are more vulnerable than drivers of enclosed vehicles. Without the protection of a car frame, riders face a higher risk of serious injury in the event of a crash. Increasing awareness during this week helps encourage both riders and motorists to share the road responsibly and stay alert. Here are some tips to stay safe:



- Wear a DOT-approved motorcycle helmet or bike helmet with a Mips system; avoid fake helmets.
- For motorcyclists, additional gear like gloves, jackets, eye shields and boots can reduce injury severity.
- Remember to use lights, reflectors, and bright clothing, especially when riding at night or in low-visibility conditions.
- Obey all traffic signals, signs, and lane markings, and don't text and drive.
- Pre-plan a quick exit to avoid a rear collision if on a motorcycle
- Regularly check brakes, tires, lights, and signals to ensure everything is in working order.
- Always double-check blind spots before changing lanes or turning.
- Watch intersections carefully—slow down and stay alert.
- Maintain a safe distance when passing or stopping behind cyclists and motorcyclists.

National Bike and Motorcycle Safety Week is more than just a campaign—it's a call to action. By adopting safe practices and staying mindful on the road, we can protect ourselves and others. Whether you're on two wheels or four, make safety your top priority every day.

RIDE SMART...WEAR PROTECTIVE GEAR AND STAY AWARE!