



- Don't be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle—motorcycle signals are often not self-canceling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn before you proceed;
- Allow more following distance, three or four seconds, when behind a motorcycle, so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. And don't tailgate. In dry conditions, motorcycles can stop more quickly than cars.

Beckman said motorcyclists can increase their safety by:

- Wearing protective clothing including long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, full-fingered gloves or mittens made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material, motorcycle jackets and pants constructed of abrasion-resistant materials and a DOT-approved helmet;
- Combining hand and turn signals to draw more attention to themselves;
- Positioning themselves in the lane where they will be most visible to other drivers;
- Not drinking and riding.

“By encouraging safe riding and cooperation between all motorists and motorcyclists, we can reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our nation’s highways,” Beckman said. “All drivers need to slow down – life is too short not to take the time enjoy it. Enjoy this riding season and live to ride for the next one.”

To learn more about motorcycle safety awareness, visit <https://safety.army.mil>.