



MOTORCYCLE TIPS

Motorcycle Safety Tips During Road Construction Season

Every rider appreciates a smooth highway when they hit the road, but unfortunately we have to deal with the inconvenience of road construction to improve driving conditions. For motorcyclists, road construction can create especially hazardous situations. To stay safe in those construction zones during your next ride, follow these bike safety tips:

- > Watch for uneven pavement, as well as rough or grooved surfaces. Before repaving begins, surfaces need to be prepped properly, and this can create dangerous riding conditions. Be careful and reduce your speed if you encounter these pavement conditions, as they can cause your bike to tilt unexpectedly or pull to one side suddenly.
- > Pay attention to cones and barrels. Although they are commonly used to route traffic in construction zones, cones and barrels are often hit by cars or trucks accidentally, causing them to tip over or be pushed into your lane
- > Be aware of sudden traffic stops.
- > Use caution on new pavement that is unmarked. If you're driving on unmarked pavement, watch carefully for unexpected lane shifts – and be sure to watch the drivers around you, as they may be uncertain about lane markers and other important markings as well.
- > Watch for slippery conditions when you see fresh paint.
- > Increase your following distance. When traffic gets heavy in construction zones, keep more space between your bike and any vehicles in front of you.
- > Be careful when changing lanes, and use the lane that's safe for you. Try to avoid driving in a lane with grooved pavement, if possible. If you need to change lanes (and it's safe to do so), make sure to move from grooved pavement to new pavement by rolling over it at a sharp angle.
- > Watch out for other drivers who might be distracted.

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