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**Newsletter Article**

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### **Look out for Motorcyclists**

After a long winter of cold temperatures and more than our share of snow, it is nice to see one early signs of spring....warmer weather. As the weather warms, you can expect to see more people riding motorcycles. In Delaware, 70% of motorcycle injuries occur between May and September, but did you know that the fatalities are more likely in March and October? Particularly if the weather turns warm early, or the warm weather lasts into autumn.

The Delaware Office of Highway Safety is reminding motorists to share the road, and keep an eye out for motorcyclists because they are looking out for you. Here are some safety tips:

- A motorcyclist can be hidden in a vehicle's blind spot because of its smaller size. Always check your mirrors and blind spots twice for motorcyclists before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections.
- Always use your turn signal before changing lanes or merging with traffic. This allows motorcyclists to anticipate traffic flow and find a safe lane position.
- Allow a motorcyclist a full lane width and allow for more following distance between you and the motorcyclist.
- Do not share the lane, share the road.

For more information on motorcycle safety, please visit [www.ohs.delaware.gov](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov).

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