

STREET SURVIVAL – ON THE RIDE

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- Assume you're invisible
- Be considerate
- Dress for the crash, not the pool or the prom
- Hope for the best, prepare for the worst
- Leave your ego at home
- Pay attention
- Mirrors only show you part of the picture
- Be patient
- Watch your closing speed
- Beware of the verge and the merge
- Left-turning cars remain a leading killer of motorcyclists
- Think before you act
- Beware of cars running traffic lights
- Check your mirrors
- Mind the gap
- Beware of "tuner" cars
- Excessive entrance speed hurts
- Don't trust the deer whistle
- Learn to use both brakes
- Keep the front brakes covered – always
- Look where you want to go
- Keep your eyes moving
- Come to a full stop at the next stop sign
- Raise your gaze
- Get your mind right in the driveway
- Never dive into a gap in stalled traffic
- Don't saddle up more than you can handle
- Watch for car doors opening up in traffic
- Don't get in an intersection rut

- Stay in your comfort zone when you're with a group
- Give your eyes some time to adjust
- Master the slow U-turn
- Who put a stop sign at the top of this hill?
- If it looks slippery, assume it is
- Bang! A blowout! Now what?
- Drops on the face shield
- Everything is harder to see after dark
- Emotions in check?
- Wear good gear
- Learn to swerve
- Be smooth at low speeds
- Flashing is good for you
- Intersections are scary, so hedge your bets
- Tune your peripheral vision
- All alone at a light that won't turn green?
- Don't troll next to – or right behind Mr. Peterbuilt
- Take the panic out of panic stops
- Make your tires right
- Take a deep breath
- **HAVE A GREAT RIDE!**