



### What is ABATE?

ABATE stands for “American Bikers Aiming towards Education”.

ABATE is a rights organization consisting of motorcycle enthusiasts and supporters throughout the State of Nebraska. Our goals and purposes are to encourage favorable legislation for motorcyclists. These are accomplished through a monthly newsletter, a website, promotion of safety education programs (designed to help prevent fatal and personal injury accidents), lobbying at the State Legislature and voter registration programs.

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. provides neutral ground which allows us to stand beside and support each other in unity, with respect to safeguarding our rights and to be individuals with different views. A concept that we are united with a common interest and now a common ground on which to stand.

### Share the Road

Share the Road is a motorcycle awareness program designed to promote motorcycle awareness by explaining why and how a motorcyclist, dresses and rides the way they do. If you are interested in a full presentation of the program, please contact us at:

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Research shows that three fourths of crashes involving a motorcycle involve another motor vehicle which is at fault. Considering crash statistics and the increasing number of motorcyclists the key to safer traffic mix is learning to Share the Road.

Motorcycles are very different from automobiles. Because they are small in size and maneuverability automobile drivers often don’t notice motorcycles in traffic.

### Following another Vehicle

“Following too closely” could be a factor in crashes involving motorcyclists. In traffic, motorcycles need as much distance to stop as cars. Normally, a **minimum of two seconds** distance should be maintained behind the vehicle ahead.

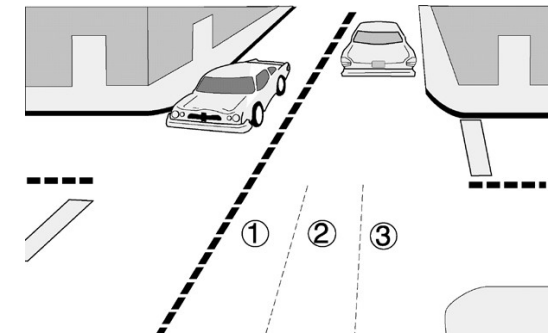
*To gauge your following distance:*

- **Pick out a marker** - such as a pavement marker or lamppost, on or near the road ahead.
- **When the rear bumper** - of the Vehicle ahead passes the marker, count off the seconds: “one-thousand- one, one-thousand-two.”
- **If you reach the marker** - before You reach “two,” you are following too closely.

A two-second following distance leaves a minimum amount of space to stop or swerve if the driver ahead stops suddenly. It also permits a better view of potholes and other hazards in the road.

### Traffic Lane Area

Traffic conditions and road surface can determine the area within the lane that the motorcycle may use. Oil spills, potholes, gravel or debris may require the motorcyclists to adjust position within the lane. It may seem as though there is enough room in the traffic lane for an automobile and a motorcycle, remember the motorcycle needs the same room to maneuver safely as an automobile. Never share a lane with a motorcycle.



### Group Riding

Allow at least two seconds following distance between you and any vehicle. Most motorcyclists when group riding will follow a staggered formation using the two second rule.

