

**Phi's
Top Eleven Tips
For Night Riding**



Riding a motorcycle after dark, takes additional skills. Here are some things to think about before you enter the darkness on two wheels.

1. Motorists can barely see a motorcycle during the day. Expect to be nearly invisible at night unless you are riding a white bike loaded with extra lights.
2. Plan your trips to minimize night riding. As you get older you'll find that your vision may become another reason not to ride at night.
3. Ride with your low beam on at night against oncoming traffic and turn on the high beam when there is no oncoming traffic to see further down the road.
4. Try to wear reflectors on your helmet or a white helmet and reflector tape on your jacket and pants.
5. Be sure to wear clothing that will keep you warm as the temperature drops.
6. Be sure to carry a cell phone and small flashlight on the bike.
7. Be wary of animals darting out in front of you, especially Dogs, Cats and Deer. Be prepared to stop completely if necessary to avoid being struck by the above.
8. Drunk drivers will be on the road with you especially at night. Try to be ready to avoid them. Also, don't drink and ride – ever.
9. Be careful rounding unfamiliar curves where loose gravel or sand may await you.
10. Avoid looking directly into the headlights of oncoming traffic. This will help with the syndrome of temporary blindness.
11. When braking at night, you will notice your headlight beam will dip when applying the front brakes. To avoid this, use the rear brakes and throttle down gently.

Wait until you become a proficient motorcycle rider during the day before you attempt to ride after dark.

**Ride Safe and enjoy the open road
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