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Orange County Sheriff's Department Focuses on the Dangers of Distracted Driving

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif. (July 11, 2026)- The Orange County Sheriff's Department will have extra officers on patrol Monday, July. 13, 2026 in the City of Ranch Santa Margarita looking specifically for violations made by drivers and motorcycle riders.

The top primary crash factors for motorcycles are unsafe speed, improper turning, right-of-way violations, driving under the influence and unsafe lane changes. Speeding is the most common factor, accounting for nearly a third of all crashes in the state.

To help protect you and your family, keep the following tips in mind while driving or riding:

Drivers

- Always check twice for motorcycles in your mirrors and blind spots.
- Use your signal when changing lanes.
- Never follow a motorcycle too closely. Always keep a safe distance.
- When at an intersection, allow enough space before turning.

Motorcyclists

- Always wear a [DOT compliant helmet](#) and protective gear.
- Consider adding reflective tape to make it easier for other drivers to see you.
- Always keep your lights on, even during the day.
- Don't assume drivers see you: signal well in advance before changing lanes and watch for turning vehicles.
- Although [lane splitting](#) is legal, the practice is not encouraged at high speeds in free-flowing traffic.

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