## **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY**

## SAFE RIDING RULES

## **A** WARNING

- Motorcycle riding requires special efforts on your part to ensure your safety. Know these requirements before you ride:
- 1. Always make a pre-ride inspection (page 44) before you ride the motorcycle.
  - You may prevent an accident or equipment damage.
- Many accidents involve inexperienced riders. Most states require a special motorcycle riding test or license. Make sure you are qualified before you ride. NEVER lend your motorcycle to an inexperienced rider.
- 3. Many automobile/motorcycle accidents happen because the automobile driver does not "see" the motorcyclist. Make yourself conspicuous to help avoid the accident that wasn't your fault:
  - · Wear bright or reflective clothing.
  - Don't ride in another motorist's "blind spot."
- 4. Obey all national and local laws and regulations.
  - Excessive speed is a factor in many accidents. Obey the speed limits, and NEVER travel faster than conditions warrant.
  - Signal before you make a turn or lane change. Your size and maneuverability can surprise other motorists.
- 5. Don't let other motorists surprise you. Use extra caution at intersections, parking lot entrances and exits, and driveways.
- Keep both hands on the handlebars and both feet on the footpegs while riding. A passenger should hold on to the motorcycle or the operator with both hands and keep both feet on the passenger footpegs.

## CAUTION:

 Do not ride over curbs or rub the wheel against an obstacle, as wheel damage may result.