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Going on group rides is the best way to connect with other riders; you're sharing the passion of the road. We want to ensure you not only have a fun and successful ride, but also have a safe atmosphere that allows all members to feel comfortable partaking in your events. Please review these safety guidelines as outlined by MSF to ensure you offer the most enjoyable and safest rides possible. In making any ride related decisions, always make choices that promote rider safety.

We also recommend that all riders have a good quality helmet, eye protection, boots, gloves and protective clothing on in order to go on the ride.

1. HOLD A RIDERS' MEETING:

- Before taking off, go over the route, riding formation, rest and fuel stops, and hand signals.
- Get a feel for the experience of the riders in your group in order to set the pace.
- Explain that the chase rider will guide them back if they wish to ride at a slower speed. If they get separated from the group, have a preplanned procedure or place to regroup.

2. LEAD / CHASE:

- It is strongly recommended that two qualified riders escort each group of riders, one in the lead and one trailing the group.
- Lead riders should pay attention to the riders and keep their speed within the riders' comfort zone. They should also recognize and obey all traffic regulations.
- Chase riders control the group and are the eyes of the group. They should be prepared to come forward and guide riders who have been left behind by the group and alert the lead if the group gets separated.

3. LENGTH / STYLE:

- Recommended ride duration is an hour to an hour and a half.
- Offer a mix of city street riding and higher speed / highway riding.
- Plan the route so there are no sharp turns required at slow speeds, particularly near the beginning and end of the ride.
- Pick a route with as many right hand turns as possible, especially in urban areas.
- Plan your stops to ensure that you are able to enter / exit the rest stop safely and that there is enough room for your group to stop.
- It is also recommended that you check the route and do a route run through prior to the Chapter ride to make sure there is no construction, major potholes, or other obstructions to the ride.

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4. FORMATION:

- Riders should ride in a staggered formation (no side by side riding). This allows a proper cushion to be built between riders so that each rider has enough space and time to maneuver and react to hazards.
- Riders should give a 2second cushion to the bike in front of them.
- Riders who want to ride faster should be in the front of the group and those who want to go slower in the back.
- Remind riders to ride at their own pace and don't go any faster than they feel comfortable going. This will reduce the risk of accidents.

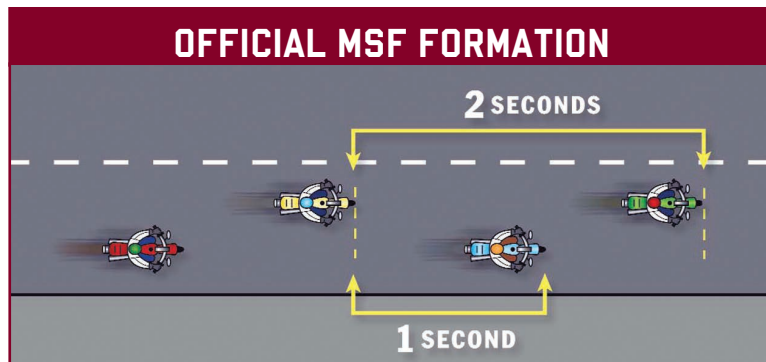


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5. LANE CHANGES:

- If it appears that it will be a long, drawn out process to pass a car, consider slowing down to keep your group intact and maintain safety.
- If it appears to be passable, the Lead should inform the group that they will be passing prior to making a move. The Chase will then move into the new lane to prevent traffic from attempting to pass the team in that lane. All bikes will then signal and follow the bike in front of them into the new lane to pass safely.

6. WEATHER:

- It is recommended that you do not conduct rides in the rain or on wet pavement.
















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MSF HAND SIGNALS

The following hand signals are the official signals that the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) recommends using while riding with a group. (*US Only)

<p>Stop - arm extended straight down, palm facing back</p> 	<p>Single File - arm and index finger extended straight up</p> 	<p>Turn Signal On - open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended</p> 
<p>Slow Down - arm extended straight out, palm facing down</p> 	<p>Double File - arm with index and middle finger extended straight up</p> 	<p>Fuel - arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended</p> 
<p>Speed Up - arm extended straight out, palm facing up</p> 	<p>Hazard in Roadway - on the right, point with right foot; on the left, point with left hand</p> 	<p>Refreshment Stop - fingers closed, thumb to mouth</p> 
<p>You Lead/Come - arm extended upward 45 degrees, palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front</p> 	<p>Highbeam - tap on top of helmet with open palm down</p> 	<p>Comfort Stop - forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion</p> 
<p>Follow Me - arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward</p> 	<p>Pull Off - arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder</p> 	