

LAWS TO BE AWARE OF

21658 CVC Unsafe Lane Change or Lane Straddling. Whenever any roadway has been divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for traffic in one direction, the following rules apply:

- (a) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practical entirely within a single lane and shall not be moved from the lane until such movement can be made with reasonable safety.

22350 CVC Unsafe Speed for Conditions.

No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent having due regard for weather, visibility, the traffic on, and the surface and width of, the highway, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons or property.

21703 CVC Following Too Close.

The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicle and the traffic upon, and the condition of, the roadway.

23103 CVC Reckless Driving – Misdemeanor (fine and/or imprisonment).

- (a) A person who drives a vehicle upon a highway in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property is guilty of reckless driving.

2800.1 CVC Attempt to Evade– Misdemeanor (fine and/or imprisonment).

- (a) Any person who, while operating a motor vehicle and with the intent to evade, willfully flees or otherwise attempts to elude a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year.

MESSAGES FOR OTHER VEHICLES

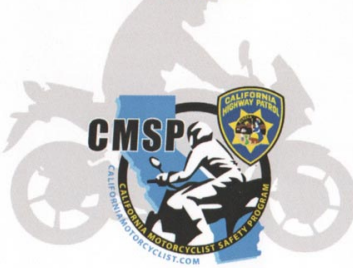
Lane splitting by motorcyclists is not illegal in California when done in a safe and prudent manner. Motorists **should not** take it upon themselves to discourage motorcyclists from lane splitting.

22400 CVC Intentionally blocking or impeding a motorcyclist in a way that could cause harm to the rider is illegal.

22517 CVC Opening a vehicle door to impede a motorcycle is illegal.

For more information regarding lane splitting, visit the California Highway Patrol at www.chp.ca.gov/programs/motorcycle.html

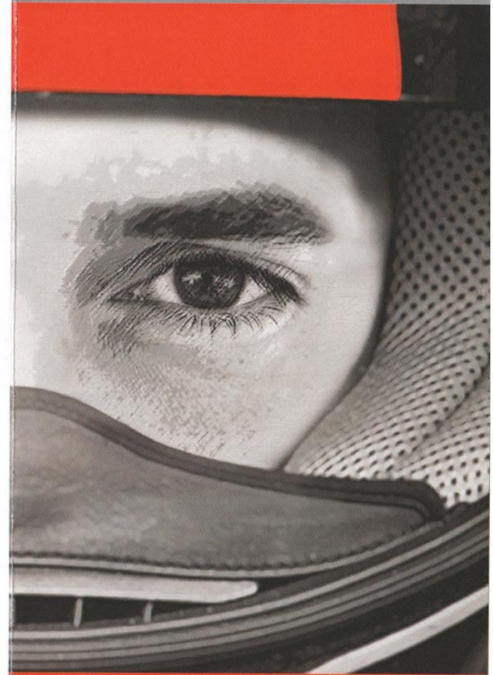
For more information on motorcycle training, contact the California Motorcyclist Safety Program at www.ca-msp.org or 1-877-RIDE-411



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LANE SPLITTING IN CALIFORNIA

LANE SPLITTING

Lane splitting in a safe and prudent manner is not illegal in the state of California. The term lane splitting, sometimes known as lane sharing, filtering, or white-lining, refers to the process of a motorcyclist riding between lanes of stopped or slower moving traffic, or moving between lanes to the front of traffic stopped at an intersection.

Motorcyclists who are competent enough riders to lane split, should follow these safety tips:

1. Travel at a speed that is no more than 10 miles per hour (mph) faster than other traffic – danger increases at higher speed differentials.
2. It is not advisable to lane split when traffic flow is at 30 mph or faster – danger increases as overall speed increases.
3. Typically, it is more desirable to split between the #1 and #2 lanes than between other lanes.

4. Consider the total environment in which you are splitting, including the width of the lanes, size of surrounding vehicles, as well as roadway, weather, and lighting conditions.
5. Be alert and anticipate possible movements by other motorists on the road.

The Four R's or "Be-Attitudes" of lane splitting: Be Reasonable, be Responsible, be Respectful, and be aware of all Roadway and traffic conditions.

NOTE: These general safety tips are not guaranteed to keep you safe. Lane splitting should not be performed by inexperienced riders. These safety tips assume a high level of riding competency and experience. Every rider has ultimate responsibility for their own decision making and safety. Riders must be conscious of reducing crash risk at all times. The safety tips listed in this brochure are not enforceable; however, motorcyclists should be aware of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) sections listed within this brochure.

