

# Watch For Motorcycles, Bicycles, & Work Zones

Now that warmer weather has arrived, the Department of Transportation (DOT) wants to remind drivers to remember to watch for motorcycles, bicycles, and work zones. Many of the accidents can be prevented with everyone, whether in a car, on a motorcycle, or a bicycle being aware of their surroundings.

For driver's, it's easy to get distracted because of a variety of items inside the car; items dropped on the floor of the car, settling a dispute between kids in the backseat, or texting. It's very easy for drivers to forget that someone could be in their blind spot, and to forget to slow down in work zones.

Motorcyclists and bicyclists should wear brightly colored clothing such as bright orange, red, yellow, or green, and use hand signals. Motorcyclists have an advantage because they can install a modulating headlight and use turn signals. Both motorcyclists and bicyclists should avoid being in a vehicle's blind spot.

DOT reports that two motorists have died in work zones in 2010. The ten-year average for deaths in work zones is six per year, which is why the department has joined the Associated General Contractors and other federal and state groups to remind drivers that "Work Zones Need Our Undivided Attention." Under Iowa law, motorists who speed in work zones could face speeding fines as high as \$1,000.