

**Crossroads HOG  
Safety Thoughts**

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**YOU MIGHT BE INVISIBLE !**

Undoubtedly you have heard it said before.

**“I ride as though I am invisible, that way I am sure to avoid a tragedy.”**

Good words with a wise plan behind them BUT very difficult to do in reality. Why? Perhaps, because none of us really know what it is like to be invisible.

I'd like to share with you just a few of the ways we can make ourselves invisible. If we remain alert to these situations – real ones we can understand – we can avoid them. Perhaps it is easier for us to avoid real situations.

**YOU MIGHT BE INVISIBLE IF - you're riding near sunset and that sun is directly in the eyes of oncoming traffic.**

**Make sure you have your lights on. Slow down a bit to give yourself time to study the oncoming traffic.**

**YOU MIGHT BE INVISIBLE IF – you're riding at night (dark) in black leathers with your black riding gloves, boots, etc.**

**Consider wearing some more reflective gear. Yes they probably see your lights, turn signals, etc but is “probably” as good as you need?**

**YOU MIGHT BE INVISIBLE IF – you're following closely behind that semi or RV or bus or box trailer.**

**If you can't see the oncoming traffic through or over what you're following, that oncoming traffic cannot see you.**

**YOU MIGHT BE INVISIBLE IF – you're following a semi, bus, RV, or box trailer**

**If you can't see the driver in his mirror he can't see you. Back off. If you're passing, do it as quickly as is safe.**

**YOU MIGHT BE INVISIBLE IF – you're coming up a hill.**

**If you can't see the road on the other side of the hill, traffic coming toward you can't see you. Stay in your lane.**

**YOU MIGHT BE INVISIBLE IF – you're approaching or in a curve.**

**If you can't see the road on the other side, traffic coming toward you can't see you.  
Stay in your lane, away from the center line.**

**And finally**

**YOU ARE INVISIBLE TO - *that driver who has one hand on the steering wheel and  
the other wrapped around a cell-phone held up to his/her  
ear !!!***

**Ride Safely**

**Mike – the safety guy**