



# Colton Police Department

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### Colton Police Department Holding Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation May 1, 2025

**Colton, Calif.** – The Colton Police Department will have additional officers on patrol on May 1, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Their focus will be specifically on identifying violations committed by drivers and motorcycle riders.

The primary factors contributing to motorcycle crashes include unsafe speed, improper turning, right-of-way violations, driving under the influence, and unsafe lane changes. Among these, speeding is the most common cause, accounting for nearly one-third of all crashes in the state.

To help protect you and your family, keep the following tips in mind while driving or riding:

#### Drivers:

- Always check twice for motorcycles in your mirrors and blind spots.
- Use your signal when changing lanes.
- Never follow a motorcycle too closely. Always keep a safe distance.
- When at an intersection, allow enough space before turning.

#### Motorcyclists:

- Always wear a **DOT compliant helmet** and protective gear.
- Consider adding reflective tape to make it easier for other drivers to see you.
- Always keep your lights on, even during the day.
- Don't assume drivers see you; signal well in advance before changing lanes and watch for turning vehicles.
- Although **lane splitting** is legal, the practice is not encouraged at high speeds in free-flowing traffic.

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