

How to enjoy safer rides

The Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council has the following tips for you to keep in mind when you're on the road:

- 🏍️ Ride your own ride – if you feel that you have to keep up, you're probably riding outside your comfort zone.
- 🏍️ Scan ahead so that you can adjust your speed and road position before the corner.
- 🏍️ Brake and change down a gear to adjust your speed BEFORE entering the corner, enough that you're able to gently open the throttle on the way through.
- 🏍️ If you find yourself comfort braking, it's a sign that you've not been scanning ahead enough.
- 🏍️ Keep your head on your side of the road in the corners – don't let it cross the centreline. Oncoming vehicles may not always stay within their lane so be ready.
- 🏍️ Keep your head and eyes on the horizon, not tilting into the corner.
- 🏍️ Use the vanishing point to tell whether the corner is tightening or opening up, and regulate your speed accordingly.
- 🏍️ Gravel or other loose material could be in your preferred line, so be ready to adjust your speed and position to allow for this.

Brushing up your cornering skills will help you stay upright. After all, you'll want to come back to enjoy this stretch of highway again.

To find more safety tips visit www.rideforever.co.nz

Safer Rides

ON THE SOUTHERN COROMANDEL LOOP



Southern Coromandel Safety Improvements

We have completed a series of safety improvements along the Southern Coromandel Loop, to lower the risks you face as a motorcyclist. Smarter road markings, better roadside protection, safer culverts and property entrances, and improved sight lines. The rest is up to you. Stay safe.

Drains improved

Drains reshaped and filled in to remove steep drop-offs.

H Rescue helicopter landing areas

Sealed helipads at four locations so injured people can receive medical treatment faster.

Sealed property entrances

Entrances sealed along the route to reduce the amount of loose material on the road.

Bridge protection

Guardrails installed on bridges and approaches providing protection.

P Perceptual counter measures

Different road markings on deceptive corners, designed to reduce the rider's speed and improve their lane position.

Signage upgraded

Signs and chevrons upgraded to provide consistency and improve curve readability.

V Visibility improved

Bank removed to improve rider visibility through corners.

Road surface improved

Resealed or treated to create a more consistent surface.

Hazard modification

Large concrete drainage pipes on the side of the road were replaced with more forgiving structures.

Delineation improved

The edgeline width has been doubled to 200mm to improve rider awareness of the road.

Hazard protection

More guardrails at steep drop-offs installed to contain a rider if they leave the road.

You could win great prizes just by having your say

We welcome your feedback on whether you feel the improvements in the Southern Coromandel will make your ride safer. Visit www.nzta.govt.nz/safer-rides-sc and you could win a Safer Rides kit complete with a hi-viz vest, visor polishing cloth, automatic tyre pressure caps and a key-ring, plus you'll go in the draw to win the major prize of either a new set of bike tyres or a helmet. Major prize drawn 30 June 2015.

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