

## West Valley Memorial Ride Safety Brief

Safety is our primary concern during the ride followed closely by having a good time.

While participating in the ride you will be escorted on a scenic route around the county and City of Los Angeles. Officers from both the Los Angeles Police Department and the California Highway Patrol will be providing the escort. We ask you to adhere to the following safety guidelines.

**1. Please stay within the designated lane of the ride.** That lane will be selected by the lead officers from the LAPD and CHP. Follow the rider in front of you and avoid any unnecessary lane changes and passing.

**Motorcycle officers will be passing you quickly.**

**2. Ride within your abilities.** There will be a wide variety of riding experience. Know your own riding abilities and stay within them.

**3. Watch where you are going.** This sounds simple, but you will be riding some of Southern California's most scenic roadways and it can become a distraction. Enjoy the scenery, but watch out for your fellow riders and watch the road!

**4. Keep the spacing between you and the rider in front of you as close as safely possible.** There are a large number of motorcyclists involved with the ride and we are trying to lessen the impact on traffic and other motorists. A ride that has stretched for 5 miles can have a fifteen or more minute impact on other motorists. Remember, it's not a race. Enjoy the ride.

**5. Don't fall behind.** There will be a marked black and white police vehicle bringing up the rear of the ride. This vehicle is our "sweep" or "tail" vehicle. It is in charge of keeping the general public from passing the ride and ensures the safety of the escorting motor officers.

Due to safety reasons, if you have pulled out from the ride and fall behind the "tail" vehicle you will not be allowed to re-join the ride. **Once you are behind the "tail" vehicle please remain safe and remember all laws and rules of the road apply.**

**6. Please follow the directions given by the escorting Officers.**