

BMW Motorcycle Club Policy Document



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There will be a Rider Briefing for all organised or impromptu rides. The briefing will be initially conducted by the Ride Organiser or nominated Ride Leader. The briefing will include:

- A reference to the BMW Motorcycle Club Risk Management Plan that is published in every copy of the Newsletter.
- Identify the Rider Leader and the Tail or Sweep rider AND their machines. Both nominated persons should wear the BMW Motorcycle Club Safety Vest over their riding apparel.
- Identify persons who are carrying First Aid Kits as group riding does carry some inherent risks.
- What the destination is and of any gathering or meeting point so that the group can come together again.
- Where the Rest and Refuelling stop are likely to be.
- Whether the 'Corner man' or 'Caterpillar' system will be used for that ride.
- That the ride is not a competition and every rider should:
 - Ride their own ride,
 - Ride at their own pace,
 - Use safe following distances.

- Request that riders do not ride in the wheel track of the rider in front.
 - A staggered formation creates a safety zone in the event of any emergency and maximises the rider's forward vision.
 - On twisting, narrower roads, the group should drop back into a wider-spaced single file.

Two principles that really sum up group riding are:

- When leading, ride for the group. Good verbal communication is augmented with hand signals and turn signals; change direction and speed smoothly.
- When following, ride with the group. If you can't follow a leader, don't expect anyone to follow you when you're setting The Pace.