



Lane Filtering

Effective May 14, 2019 all motorists may be affected by a new law called Lane Filtering. "Lane filtering" means, when operating a motorcycle other than an auticycle, the act of overtaking and passing another vehicle that is stopped in the same direction of travel in the same lane.

In other words - lane filtering refers to the process of a motorcyclist moving between two lanes to the front of traffic stopped at an intersection.

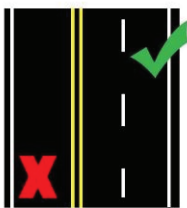
Drivers and riders will need to be aware of this new behavior and the specific circumstances under which it is permitted.

Watch this [example](#) of Lane Filtering created by the Layton PD.

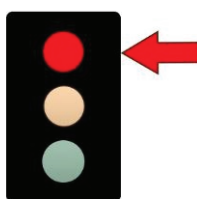
MOTORCYCLES CAN ONLY LANE FILTER WHEN



SPEED LIMIT ON ROAD IS 45 MPH OR LESS NEVER ON FREEWAYS



ROAD MUST HAVE 2 OR MORE ADJACENT TRAFFIC LANES IN THE SAME DIRECTION OF TRAVEL



MOTORCYCLES CAN ONLY LANE FILTER BETWEEN STOPPED VEHICLES



MOTORCYCLE SPEED CANNOT BE MORE THAN 15 MPH WHEN FILTERING



THE MOVEMENT MAY BE MADE SAFELY

The infographic illustrates the lane filtering process. On the left, a red car, a motorcycle, and a blue car are stopped in a lane. A red arrow points from the motorcycle to the right, indicating it is moving into the adjacent lane to pass the stopped vehicles. On the right side of the graphic, there is a red octagonal STOP sign and a white rectangular sign with a black border that reads "SPEED LIMIT 45" and "MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT".

WHAT DRIVERS NEED TO KNOW

- Starting May 14, lane filtering between stopped vehicles on roadways with at least two (2) lanes in the same direction and speeds of 45 mph and lower will be legal in Utah.
- Drivers can expect to see motorcyclists engaging in this new driving behavior.

WHAT RIDERS NEED TO KNOW

- Lane filtering is a CHOICE. Riders do not have to lane filter.
- Lane filtering can present unique safety challenges for riders - especially inexperienced riders.
- If riders choose to lane filter, they should exercise extreme caution at all times.
- All motorcycles or motor-driven cycles are permitted to lane filter.

Recent News Stories:

- [KUTV "New Utah Law: Lane filtering different than lane splitting for motorcycles"](#)
- [KUTV "It helps everybody": Motorcycle riders and troopers discuss Utah's new lane filter law](#)
- [KSL Newsradio "New motorcycle law in Utah"](#)
- [ABC4 "Motorcyclists, troopers raise awareness about new traffic law"](#)
- [KSL "What you need to know about Utah's new lane filtering law"](#)
- [FOX13 "Motorcyclist voices road rage concern over new lane filtering law"](#)

Riderz Foundation Meeting

At a Riderz Foundation meeting in March, UHP's Sgt. Nick Street and Sgt. Donovan Lucas discussed the parameters of the lane filtering as well as some of the safety considerations riders should think about when they're choosing to lane filter. This [VIDEO](#) includes a Q&A session.

Major roads that may be heavily impacted:

- Salt Lake County
 - Foothill Blvd
 - State Street
 - 7th East
 - Redwood Road
- Davis/Weber Counties
 - Parrish Lane
 - Antelope Drive
 - Park Lane
 - Riverdale Road
 - Harrison Blvd
 - Washington
- Utah County
 - State Street
 - 1600 North Orem
 - 800 North Orem
 - Geneva Road

