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Police are cracking down on motorcyclists who speed and ride aggressively.

Nanaimo RCMP's traffic services have started a year-long campaign focused on motorcyclists.

Riders caught speeding more than 40 km/h above the speed limit, aggressive riders, and those who pop wheelies will be fined \$368 and have their bikes impounded for seven days.

Riders with illegal or improper equipment and bikes with mufflers that emit sound louder than the legal limit of 91 decibels will face fines and inspection notices to have equipment repaired and illegal mufflers removed.

Twenty five per-cent of all fatal motor vehicle collisions in the Nanaimo detachment area involved motorcycles. Aggressive driving, vehicle defects, and driver inattention were major factors in those fatalities.

Cpl. Norm Smith, of Nanaimo RCMP Traffic Services, said most motorcyclists are safe drivers, but police want all motorcyclists to comply with regulations to help prevent traffic deaths and injuries.

He said motorcyclists can expect to be pulled over and inspected for compliance with Motor Vehicle Act Regulations.

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