

1. Look for a level parking area. If you can't park on a paved surface, make sure the ground surface is firm, especially under the side stand. If you must park on a hill, leave the transmission in gear and position the rear tire against the curb at a 45 degree angle.

Make sure flammable materials such as dry grass or leaves do not come in contact with the exhaust system when parking your motorcycle. Refer to *Catalytic Converter*, page 230 .

To avoid possible heat damage to your motorcycle or personal belongings, do not cover the exhaust muffler with a protective cover or any clothing within 20 minutes after shutting off the engine.

2. Use the side stand to support the motorcycle while parked.
  - To lower the side stand, use your foot to guide it down. Remember that lowering the side stand with the transmission in gear will stop the engine, even if the clutch lever is pulled in. That is a function of the side stand ignition cut-off system.
  - Check that the side stand is down all the way so that the side stand ignition cut-off system (page 55 ) is activated.
  - If you have to park on a soft surface, insert something solid under the side stand for support.