



84 percent of motorcycle-vehicle crashes occur on city streets and at intersections, not highways.



A motorcycle-vehicle crash is more likely to happen between 4-7 p.m.



Most crashes with motorcyclists occur when vehicle drivers are turning left.



Intersections are one of the biggest dangers for motorcyclists.



Motorcyclists use all of their lane—and sometimes change lanes—to avoid hazards such as debris, potholes, or grooved pavement.

The Michigan Department of State administers the Michigan Rider Education Program. For more information about motorcycle safety, visit Michigan.gov/LookTwice and Michigan.gov/Motorcycling.



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START SEEING MOTORCYCLISTS





LOOKED BUT FAILED TO SEE

Motorcycles make up approximately 3 percent of the vehicles on the road—in other words, if 100 vehicles passed by your window, only 3 might be motorcycles. That means motorists must look specifically for motorcyclists because they will be an unexpected part of the traffic mix.



Before you pull out into traffic, ask yourself, "Is there a motorcyclist nearby?" It is a simple question, but it will help your eyes and brain look for, see, and discern if there is a motorcyclist near you or in your path.

OTHER TIPS FOR NOTICING MOTORCYCLISTS

- ✓ Motorcyclists may even be hidden behind a vehicle's windshield frame. Rock your upper body back and forth to see around all blind spots.
- ✓ Always assume motorcyclists are closer than they appear. Their speed and distance are difficult to judge, especially at intersections.
- ✓ Avoid distractions such as cell phone use and texting. When you are distracted, you are much more likely to miss seeing a motorcyclist.
- ✓ Motorcyclists often use hand signals, similar to bicyclists, to let others know their intentions on the road.
- ✓ Keep your distance when following a motorcyclist. Many slow down by downshifting, which will not activate the brake light.
- ✓ Do not rely just on your ears. You cannot always hear motorcycles, especially when they are oncoming. Remain alert at all times.
- ✓ When waiting to turn left, look near, intermediate, far, and near again. Rocking your upper body side to side while searching will change your perspective and help you notice motorcyclists.

