

# Motorcyclists are hard to see.

LOOK TWICE. SAVE A LIFE.

## QUIZ

A quarter million Michiganders ride motorcycles — but it's easy to overlook motorcyclists due to their size and profile. Knowing where most collisions with motorcyclists occur can help you become a safer and more confident driver, especially during warm-weather months when more motorcyclists are on the roads.

Find out how much you know about motorcyclist crashes in Michigan by taking this quiz, and remember — it only takes a second for traffic to turn into tragedy.

**1. Most motorcyclist crashes occur on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Highways
- B. City streets
- C. Wet roads
- D. Dirt roads

**2. What action most commonly precedes a motorcyclist crash?**

- A. A vehicle makes a left-hand turn
- B. A motorcyclist races to beat a stoplight
- C. A motorcyclist races through traffic
- D. A vehicle follows too closely to a motorcyclist

**3. What time of day is a motorcyclist crash most likely to occur?**

- A. 6-9 a.m.
- B. 9 a.m.-noon
- C. 4-7 p.m.
- D. 9 p.m. or later

**4. Motorists sometimes turn left across the path of motorcyclists because:**

- A. The bigger vehicle has the right of way, especially at intersections
- B. Motorcyclists are always speeding
- C. Our brains sometimes do not perceive motorcyclists, even though they are in our line of vision
- D. Motorcyclists weave in their lanes

**5. A motorcyclist's speed and distance are easy to determine because of their smaller size.**

- A. TRUE
- B. FALSE

**6. A good habit is to spot motorcyclists by listening for them when you are driving.**

- A. TRUE
- B. FALSE

**7. Motorcyclists may take actions not familiar to car drivers, so drivers need to keep their distance. Motorcyclists may:**

- A. Slow by downshifting, which does not activate the motorcycle's brake light
- B. Change position within their lane
- C. Both A and B
- D. None of the above

**8. What can motorists do to help ensure they are able to see motorcyclists while driving?**

- A. Look twice before making a turn
- B. Check their blind spots before changing lanes
- C. Be alert and avoid distractions
- D. All of the above

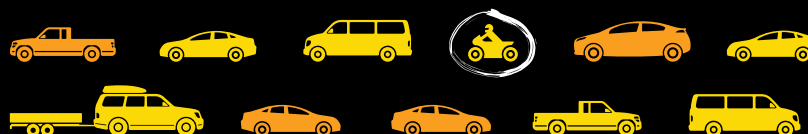


**Thank you for taking our quiz — were you surprised by any answers?**

To learn more about motorcyclist crashes and what you can do to prevent them, visit [Michigan.gov/LookTwice](https://Michigan.gov/LookTwice).



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## QUIZ ANSWER KEY

Are you prepared to share the road with motorcyclists? See how many questions you got right.

**1. B. City streets.**

City streets, not highways, are where 84% of all motorcycle-vehicle crashes occur. Streets with a lot of traffic, lights and intersections generally have more crashes.

**2. A. A vehicle makes a left-hand turn.**

Motorcyclists are easily overlooked because of their smaller profile and the difficulty of judging their speed. Motorists must remember to always look twice before turning.

**3. C. 4-7 p.m.**

Evening rush hour is the time a majority of motorcyclist crashes occur. A greater volume of vehicles on the road makes it harder to see motorcyclists.

**4. C. Our brains sometimes don't perceive motorcyclists, even though they are in our line of vision.**

Intersections are one of the biggest dangers for motorcyclists. We don't always expect to see them, and our brains sometimes do not perceive them even though they are right in our line of vision. This is often called inattentional blindness and it has dire consequences for motorcyclists. Make sure to look twice before turning, especially to the left, and before turning ask yourself if a motorcyclist is approaching.

**5. FALSE.**

It is extremely difficult for motorists to determine the speed and distance of an oncoming motorcyclist. Look twice, and if unsure, WAIT to complete your turn until after the motorcyclist has gone by and it's safe to turn.

**6. FALSE.**

Many people rely on hearing motorcyclists to alert them of their presence, but often road noise drowns out the sound of a motorcyclist no matter which direction they are coming from. Practice remaining alert at all times.

**7. C. Both A and B.**

Motorists should give motorcyclists extra space, especially on busy city streets. Motorcyclists can slow by downshifting, which won't activate the brake light, and may also change positions within their lane, actions that may be unexpected to drivers.

**8. D. All of the above.**

Knowing where and how most motorcyclist crashes occur can help motorists raise their level of awareness while in those areas.



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