

# MOTORCYCLISTS ARE HARD TO SEE

LOOK TWICE. SAVE A LIFE.

## QUIZ

Knowing where most collisions with motorcyclists occur can help you become safer and more confident on the roads during warm-weather months when more motorcycles are on the roads. Remember, there is a person under the helmet who could be your friend, neighbor or family member.

How much do you know about motorcycle-vehicle crashes in Michigan? Take this quiz to find out.

- 1. Most motorcycle-vehicle crashes occur on \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - A. Highways
  - B. City streets
  - C. Wet roads
  - D. Dirt roads
- 2. What action most commonly precedes a motorcycle-vehicle 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 motorcycle-vehicle 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 them even though they are right in our line of vision
  - D. Motorcyclists weave in their lanes
- 5. A motorcycle's speed and distance are easy to determine because of its smaller size.**
  - A. TRUE
  - B. FALSE
- 6. A good habit is to listen for motorcycles nearby.**
  - A. TRUE
  - B. FALSE
- 7. Motorcycle riders may take actions not familiar to car drivers, so drivers need to keep their distance. Motorcycle riders may:**
  - A. Slow by downshifting and 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.**

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



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## QUIZ ANSWER KEY

### 1. B. City streets.

City streets are where 84% of all motorcycle-vehicle crashes occur. Streets with a lot of traffic, lights and intersections generally see more crashes.

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

Motorcycles are easily overlooked because of their smaller profile and the difficulty of judging their speed, requiring motorists to remember to look twice before turning.

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

Evening rush hour is the time a majority of motorcycle-vehicle crashes occur. A greater volume of vehicles on the road makes it more difficult to see motorcyclists.

### 4. C. Our brains sometimes do not perceive them even though they are right 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. 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 a turn when crossing the path of a motorcyclist.

### 6. FALSE.

Many people rely on hearing motorcycles to alert them of their presence, but often you won't hear a motorcycle coming toward you from all directions. Practice remaining alert at all times.

### 7. C. Both A and B.

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

### 8. D. All of the above.

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

