



LOOK TWICE

for motorcycles

Fact Sheet

“SHARE THE ROAD: LOOK TWICE FOR MOTORCYCLES” CAMPAIGN, MAY 2018

Motorcycle-riding season starts early in Texas. May is National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, and during this period, the Texas Department of Transportation’s statewide “Share The Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles” safety and public awareness campaign urges Texas drivers to look twice for motorcycles every time they get in a vehicle.



Texas has over 400,000 registered motorcycles (Center for Transportation Safety, 2016).

Looking twice can help prevent crashes, including those that cause serious injuries or death.

Motorcyclists are vulnerable to serious injury or death in a crash.

- In 2016, motorcyclist fatalities occurred nearly 28 times more frequently than passenger car occupant fatalities in motor vehicle traffic crashes nationally. (NHTSA February 2018).
- On average, a motorcyclist is killed on Texas roads every day. In 2017, 501 riders lost their lives and 2,101 were seriously injured in motorcycle crashes (TxDOT 2018).

Driver Safety Tips:

- Look twice for motorcycles, especially at intersections.
- Always assume motorcycles are closer than they appear to be, and avoid turning in front of an oncoming motorcycle.
- Use turn signals and check blind spots before changing lanes.
- Avoid following a motorcycle too closely.
- Give motorcyclists a full lane.
- Obey posted speed limits.

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