



Look twice for motorcycles

Motorcycles don't have airbags

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The warmer weather and blue skies means motorcycle riders are sharing the road with other drivers. The return of motorcycles to our streets after winter doesn't always come with an increased awareness by other drivers. The [Vision Zero Edmonton](#) goal of reaching zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries means that everyone needs to stay alert.

"Motorcycle riders are more vulnerable to being seriously injured or killed if they're involved in a collision," said Senior Research Coordinator Laura Thue, with the City of Edmonton Office of Traffic Safety. "Look twice before changing lanes to make sure that no one is in your blind spot. Double-check to see that a motorcycle isn't coming towards you before you turn. A second look can go a long way towards preventing collisions and saving lives."



In 2016, there were 191 motorcycle collisions in Edmonton, an 8 per cent reduction from 2015. Injuries that required hospitalization were down by 7 per cent. There were three fatalities. Vehicles making left-hand turns across the path of motorcycles account for the most devastating collisions.

"There are no airbags or seat belts on a motorcycle, so it is up to everyone to be extra cautious," said Thue. "Let's watch out for each other."

The first collision in 2017 involving a motorcycle took place in March.

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