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Be safe on and around motorcycles this summer

Sharing the road and driving safely is the key to reducing collisions

Edmonton... During the summer months, more motorcycles are on our roads and motorists are reminded to pay attention to them.

Drivers need to be cautious around motorcycles and give them the space they need, and motorcycle riders should make sure that drivers can see them. Operating a motorcycle requires high levels of skill, attitude, and awareness.

Here are some safety tips:

For motorcycle operators:

1. Stay out of blind spots! Make sure other drivers see you.
2. Be alert at intersections. Make eye contact with other drivers/riders before making your move.
3. Protect yourself with the right gear and an approved motorcycle helmet.
4. Remember that other drivers can easily misjudge your speed.
5. Ride defensively and enhance your visibility.
6. Be aware of what is going on behind you to avoid deadly rear-end collisions.

For drivers of other vehicles:

1. Share the road – look twice for motorcyclists at intersections or when changing lanes.
2. Never underestimate the speed of a motorcycle. Their size makes their speed deceptive.

As part of the Traffic Safety Plan Calendar, motorcycles are in the spotlight in July.

For more information, contact the Office of Traffic Safety at 780-422-8839 or your Regional Traffic Safety Coordinator. To find your local coordinator, visit www.saferoads.com and click on Contact Us, then the Regional Traffic Safety Coordinators on the left-hand side.

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