

# Intersection ICU

Do a headline search sometime on the 'ol computer for "Motorcyclist injured" or "Biker killed" and read some of the current articles around the country about motorcycle accidents. Now start putting the similarities together from the stories. Do you see how many news reports there are stating, "*vehicle attempted to turn left at such and such intersection and did not see the approaching motorcycle, investigation pending*". This intersection stupidity by four wheelers is number one in putting a biker on a slab at the morgue.

Be mindful of this four wheeler weakness and be reactive. Cover that front and rear brake and slow down when you are approaching an intersection with oncoming traffic, this can save valuable reaction time and shorten your braking distance. Make sure everyone traveling through that intersection can see you. If you can't see them, they can't see you. Do not travel through an intersection to the right and rear of a four wheeler, left turning cars can't see you until it's too late. Adjust your speed accordingly to stay in clear view of everyone when you go through an intersection, and keep your head and eyes scanning just in case.

This may all seem a little too cautious for some, but make these mindful techniques part of your riding skills until they become habit. The safer you feel on the street the more you will enjoy the ride.

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