

# MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

## Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month



Motorcyclists are at great risk on our roadways. With thousands of deaths each year, motorcyclists are significantly overrepresented in traffic crashes and fatalities.



According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), motorcyclists accounted for 14% of all traffic fatalities in 2018, while motorcycles make up just 3% of all registered vehicles in the United States.



In 2018, 4,985 motorcyclists were killed in motor vehicle accidents – a 5% decrease from the 5,229 killed in 2017. And more than 82,000 motorcyclists were injured in motor vehicle crashes.



Per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists are about 27 times more likely than passenger vehicle occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash, and 5 times more likely to be injured.



Even the smallest momentary lapse in a vehicle driver's awareness can result in the death of an unseen motorcyclist. Stay alert and keep a watchful eye out for motorcyclists.

For more information regarding motorcycle awareness, visit the NHTSA website at:  
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/motorcycle-safety>



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