



You are driving down a busy road on a motorcycle. You want to turn right at the next light, so you move into the right-hand turn lane. There is a long line of vehicles stopped in the lane on the left. You are about to catch up to a truck at the intersection in front of you.



Your Position



Weather



Time of Day

You are riding your motorcycle in the turning lane.

What should you be looking at right now?

ANSWER

You should be watching the nose of the car sticking out of the gap between cars in the through lane

A car came out from between the cars in the left lane, but luckily you noticed in time and were able to stop and avoid an accident. However, if either of you had been slower off the mark, your vehicles would have collided. People tend to maintain higher speeds when driving in an empty lane like this, but there is a danger

of colliding with vehicles exiting side streets or parking lots on the left. Such vehicles are often completely impossible to see, so always keep in mind that both people and cars can pop out at any time and keep your speed down.



Pay attention in right hand turning lanes

When through lanes are busy, there is always the danger that cars will suddenly change lanes so they can turn right. In addition, pedestrians often forget to account for the right hand turn arrow signal after traffic stops, and mistakenly assume they are allowed to cross. Drivers should keep an eye out for pedestrians as well. (See diagram.)

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