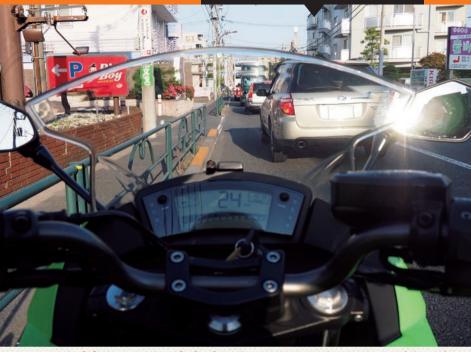
JAF Accident Avoidance Training

RISK PREDICTION

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You are driving along the side of a two-lane road. The photograph shows the rider's view of the road. which is jammed with other vehicles. The left side of the road beside the stopped cars is open, and you have decided to slow down and use that space to continue down the road.







You are driving your motorcycle alongside vehicles stuck in a traffic jam.

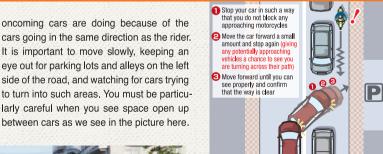
What should you be looking at right now?

ANSWER

You should have already noticed the parking lot on the left and the space between the cars in front of you.

You are in danger of colliding with a car turning right into the space between the cars in your lane. On the left you can see a sign advertising a shop with a parking lot, and it looks like that is the driver's destination. Motorcycles are able to drive alongside other vehicles stuck in traffic, but it can be dangerous as a rider may not be able to see what

oncoming cars are doing because of the cars going in the same direction as the rider. It is important to move slowly, keeping an eye out for parking lots and alleys on the left side of the road, and watching for cars trying to turn into such areas. You must be particularly careful when you see space open up



For the driver in the turning car

It is very important to watch out for motorcycles or bicycles riding down the side of the road in the opposite lane like we see here. People tend to hurry when they turn and forget to check properly that it is safe to go, particularly when someone gives way to allow the turn. Before turning, drivers must make sure there are no oncoming bikes or other vehicles, and turn carefully and slowly (see diagram.)