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Check Twice for Motorcycles: May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

Huntington Beach, Calif. – During May’s Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) reminds drivers to always look twice for motorcycles. Safe riding and driving practices, and a shared responsibility from all road users, will help everyone get to their destination safely.

Throughout the month, the HBPD will have extra officers on patrol looking specifically for violations made by drivers and motorcycle riders.

To help protect you and your family, keep the following tips in mind while driving or riding:

Drivers

- Always check mirrors and blind spots before changing lanes.
- Do not follow a motorcycle too closely. Always keep a safe distance.
- If you see a motorcycle with a signal on, be careful. Be sure that the rider is turning before moving ahead.

Motorcyclists

- Always wear a U.S. [DOT-compliant helmet](#) with eye protection.
- Wear leather or other sturdy clothing such as a jacket, pants, boots with nonskid soles, and gloves. Add reflective strips or decals to your clothing and motorcycle to make it easier for other drivers to see you.
- Ride defensively. Don’t assume a driver can see you. Avoid riding in a driver’s blind spot.
- Always keep your lights on, even during the day.

Lastly, drivers and riders should never drive/ride distracted or under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

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