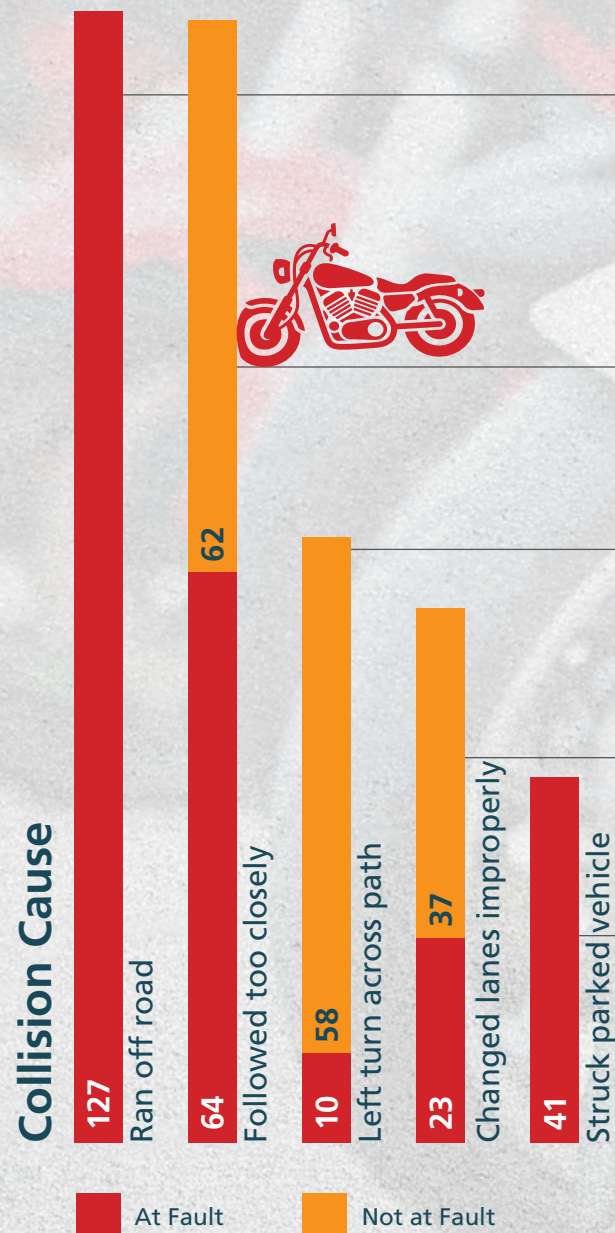




# Safe Riding

## Top Five Collision Causes



### Ran Off Road

From this data, we see that the many bike collisions are single-vehicle. Driving too fast for the conditions makes it difficult to adjust to sudden changes in circumstances or to negotiate corners, especially if there is sand, gravel or precipitation on the road.

### Following Too Closely

Following too closely doesn't give you time enough to stop. Leave extra space, and let tailgaters go by you.

### Left Turn Across Path

This chart makes it obvious. Drivers make left-hand turns in front of motorcycles. Be extra cautious at intersections and make sure other drivers see you.

### Changing Lanes Improperly

The driver in the vehicle beside you may not have seen you. Make a point of getting his or her attention and making eye contact.

### Struck Parked Vehicle

Keep alert. Drive carefully in slippery conditions, and never drink and drive.

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Whether you ride a cruiser or a sport bike, there is nothing like the freedom of riding a motorcycle!

In 2015, there were **208** motorcycle collisions in Edmonton resulting in **121** injuries and six fatalities. In nearly **50 per cent** of these, motorcyclists were driving properly and deemed not at fault. But regardless of who is at fault in a collision, as a rider, you are more likely to be seriously injured than the occupant of a car.

## Keeping Yourself Safe

**All the gear all the time.** Dress for the fall, not the ride. The proper gear may reduce your risk of serious injury.

**Be seen.** Never ride in a car's blind spot. Consider bright colours or reflective material and make eye contact with motorists when possible.

**Stay sharp.** Scan the road surface ahead of you for irregularities such as potholes, debris and gravel. Do frequent mirror and shoulder checks.

**Always have a way out.** Identify potential hazards and be ready to take evasive action.

**Ride within your limits.** Don't push yourself to keep up with friends or ride in conditions you are not comfortable with.

**Mind the gap.** Leave adequate space between you and the car in front of you. When stopping, leave enough room to move out of the way of cars coming up behind you.

**Be kind to your bike.** Have it regularly maintained. Use brakes, throttle and steering gently, especially in bad weather.

**Respect the left turn.** Intersections are potentially dangerous for everyone. Don't assume drivers have seen you. Watch for drivers turning left across your path.

**Look where you want the bike to go.** If you get into trouble, don't fixate on what you want to avoid.

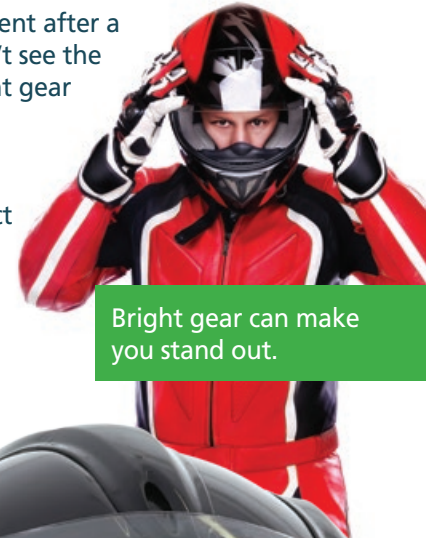
**Get professional training.** Whether you're a beginner or seasoned rider, you'll benefit from sharpening your skills and learning the latest techniques.

## Ride Within Your Limits

Motorcycle collisions occur throughout Edmonton and the causes vary. However, losing control of the motorcycle and running off the road is the cause of **28 per cent** of all injuries to motorcyclists.

## Be Visible

A common statement after a collision is, "I didn't see the motorcycle." Bright gear or a flag can help. Driving within the speed limit and making eye contact help drivers see you too.



Bright gear can make you stand out.



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