

SAFETY MONDAY

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WATCH OUT FOR BIKES AND MOTORCYCLES


With the weather warming up, more people are riding bicycles and motorcycles in the neighborhoods and on busy streets. There is also an increased number of bicycling commuters, some of whom are wearing headphones.

The men and women who drive garbage trucks are urged to watch out for them. When garbage trucks and bicyclists or motorcyclists collide, the result is often fatal. Four people died in Arizona in 2010 when a garbage truck drove into a group of motorcyclists waiting for a light to change. Another motorcyclist died in Oklahoma at the end of March 2010 trying to avoid hitting a garbage truck whose brake lights may not have been working properly.

Drivers should keep track of bicycles and motorcycles while on the route. When making a right turn, check your right side mirror a second time before making the turn. Bicyclists often move erratically and the rider may not be wearing high visibility clothing. In addition, many children ride bikes and may be fascinated by the truck. Let's keep riders safe, by being vigilant 24/7.



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