

Cyclist and Motorcyclist Awareness: What You Must Know

Worksheet

Cyclist and motorcyclist awareness means actively watching for them, respecting their lane, avoiding sudden lane changes, and checking blind spots. They are smaller, faster and less visible — extra caution prevents collisions.

Questions

1. Motorcyclist might hide in your...

- A) headlights
- B) blind spot
- C) engine
- D) steering wheel

2. Cyclist ahead, you want to change lanes left. First step?

- A) Signal and change
- B) Check mirror only
- C) Check mirror + blind spot + signal
- D) Speed up and pass

3. Safe distance when overtaking a cyclist?

- A) No extra distance needed
- B) At least 1.5 m
- C) 10 cm (close pass)
- D) Match their speed

4. Cyclist wobbles in a gust. What does this mean?

- A) They're comfortable
- B) Losing control, need space
- C) Just showing off
- D) Safe to tailgate

5. You're in the right lane about to turn right. A cyclist is in the bike lane. What's your first move?

6. A motorcyclist is approaching fast from behind. Where might they be hardest to see?

7. Cyclist ahead wobbles in strong wind. Safe distance?

8. Define: Why are blind spots dangerous for motorcyclists?

9. Define: What should you do before turning right where cyclists ride?

10. Define: Cyclist wobbles in wind. Safe to stay close?

Answer Key

1. B) blind spot — Motorcycles are small; they can sit in the area mirrors can't show. Check blind spots.
2. C) Check mirror + blind spot + signal — Mirror alone isn't enough. Check over your shoulder, signal, then move.
3. B) At least 1.5 m — Turkish law mandates ≥ 1.5 m clearance; gives room if they swerve.
4. B) Losing control, need space — Wind can destabilize cyclists. Give extra space; they may lose control.
5. Check right mirror for cyclist Check blind spot by turning head Never assume bike lane is clear Signal early, slow down, let cyclist pass first.
6. Motorcycles can sit in your blind spot Blind spot = area mirrors can't see Check blind spot before lane change Never trust mirrors alone; do a head check.
7. Cyclists unstable in gusts (narrow tires) Wobbly motion = loss of control risk Give extra space (2+ meters) Be ready to slow down or stop.
8. Motorcycles are small and can disappear from mirrors. Always check over your shoulder before changing lanes.
9. Check mirror, check blind spot, signal, and ensure no cyclist is in the bike lane.
10. No — give extra space. Cyclists can lose control in gusts; they need room.

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