

[Understanding Common Car-Motorcycle Collisions](#)

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Riding a motorcycle is undeniably exhilarating, but it also comes with inherent risks. In the state of Illinois alone, there are over 300,000 licensed motorcyclists, and unfortunately, approximately 3,000 motorcycle accidents occur every year in the state.



What's even more alarming is that 80% of all motorcycle accidents result in motorcyclist injury or death, a significantly higher percentage compared to accidents involving other types of motor vehicles. Understanding the most common types of car-motorcycle collisions and the factors contributing to them can help both motorcyclists and drivers reduce the risks on the road.

Check Out: [What Are The Main Causes Of Motorcycle Accidents.](#)

Left-Hand Turn Collisions

The [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) (NHTSA) report called the Hurt Report shed light on the most common type of collision between cars and motorcycles - the left-hand turn at an intersection. This type of accident occurs when a car driver fails to notice an oncoming motorcycle or

decides to proceed with the turn despite its presence. Surprisingly, 42% of these collisions are caused by motorcyclists attempting left turns at intersections.

Determining fault in left-hand turn crashes usually favors the car driver, who may not exercise enough caution to notice motorcycles or become distracted by using a cell phone. Additionally, the smaller size of motorcycles can make them more challenging to spot, further increasing the risk of these accidents.

Not Factoring in a Car's Blind Spot

Cars have significant blind spots despite rearview and side mirrors. Motorcycles, due to their smaller size, are more likely to be obscured in these blind spots. Sudden lane changes by car drivers, often without using turn signals, can lead to devastating accidents when motorcyclists have little time to react.

Poor Speed or Distance Perception

Many car drivers incorrectly judge the speed or distance of an approaching motorcycle. This misjudgment can result in cars pulling out in front of motorcycles, assuming they have enough time to make the maneuver. Such situations force motorcyclists to engage emergency brakes, increasing the risk of losing control and sliding, leading to severe injuries or fatalities.

Driving Under the Influence

Unfortunately, alcohol and drug impairment play a role in a fair number of accidents, including those involving motorcycles. Driving under the influence not only violates the law but also greatly reduces a driver's ability to react in time to avoid serious accidents.

Minimizing Risks and Ensuring Road Safety

While complete accident prevention might be challenging, both drivers and motorcyclists can take essential measures to enhance road safety.

For Drivers

- Always check for motorcyclists, especially before making a left turn or changing lanes;
- Be mindful of motorcycles' smaller size and potential speed, giving them the right of way when necessary;
- Avoid distractions and maintain focus on the road at all times;
- Use turn signals consistently and check mirrors frequently to ensure no motorcycles are in blind spots.

For Motorcyclists

- Exercise caution at all times, knowing that motorcycles offer less protection than cars;
- Adhere to the speed limit, especially at intersections, to provide drivers ample time to react to their presence;
- Never ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs, ensuring full alertness while on the road;
- Enhance visibility by using lights and wearing reflective gear, making it easier for drivers to spot motorcycles.

Understanding the most common types of car-motorcycle collisions empowers both motorcyclists and drivers to take proactive measures in reducing risks on the road. By exercising caution, being aware of each other's presence, and adhering to road safety guidelines, we can create a safer environment for all road users. Together, let's work towards a future where accidents between cars and motorcycles become rarer, and road journeys are enjoyed with greater peace of mind.

Working with ATLINJ Georgia Law

Car and motorcycle accidents can have devastating consequences, and seeking proper legal assistance is crucial to protect your rights and obtain the compensation you deserve. At ATLINJ Georgia Law, our experienced attorneys are ready to provide the support you need to navigate through the complexities of these cases.

Determining fault in car and motorcycle accidents can be intricate, requiring a thorough investigation and a deep understanding of the applicable laws. As a dedicated law firm, ATLINJ Georgia Law is well-prepared to assist victims in building strong cases and pursuing rightful compensation for their injuries and damages.

If you or your loved ones have been involved in a car or motorcycle accident, don't face the aftermath alone. Reach out to the legal experts at ATLINJ Georgia Law to ensure that your rights are protected and that you have the best chance of obtaining a fair resolution for your claim.

Facing the aftermath of an accident is overwhelming, but with ATLINJ Georgia Law by your side, you can have the peace of mind that your case is in capable hands. Contact us today for a free consultation and let us help you secure the justice and compensation you deserve.

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