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Believe in yourself – even when no one else does - Sasquatch



With Bikes & Motorcycles

Drowning Kills People

It is No. 2 cause of accidental death in children age 15 and under (just behind vehicle accidents).

Of the approximately 750 children who will drown next year, about 375 of them will do so within 25 yards of a parent or other adult. **In 10% of these drownings, the adult will actually watch them do it, having no idea it is happening.**

Look for these other signs of drowning:

-Head low in the water, mouth at water level
-Head back w/mouth open
-Eyes glassy and empty, unable to focus
-Eyes closed
-Hair over forehead or eyes
-Not using legs
-Hyperventilating or gasping
-Trying to swim in a particular direction but not making headway
-Trying to roll onto the back
-Appears to be climbing an invisible ladder.



Drivers, Be Aware on the Roadways

As we move into summer, it's worth talking about some of the other road users that begin to appear when the weather improves. Motorcyclists and bicyclists are two of the most vulnerable groups to injury or fatality when involved in collisions. You need to be on the lookout for these smaller vehicles at all times. Both are harder to see, especially if you are not watching for them. Often bicyclists are children who may not be follow the rules of the road – they may drive facing traffic or dart out in front of you.

Motorcycles can stop and maneuver quicker than other motor vehicles (but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly difficult), so do not follow them too closely. The rider may also slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, *thus not activating the brake light!*

FYI

-A motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots (door/roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges, etc.). Take an extra moment to look for motorcycles, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.
-Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.
-Over half of all fatal motorcycle crashes involve another vehicle. Most of the time, the car or truck driver, not the motorcyclist, is at fault.
-When a motorcycle is in motion, see more than the motorcycle – see the person under the helmet, who could be your friend, neighbor, or relative.

OSHA REGULATORY UPDATE !

Join ASSP Wichita May 3rd as we will host a representative from the area OSHA office discusses OSHA regulatory directives, new rulemaking, areas of focus for the coming year, inspection findings and much more.

JOB POSTINGS

If you know someone looking for a HSE position – send them over to our website at Wichita.asse.org! We have several local postings for them to look over, as well as links to the ASSP national job board too.

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