

# After awareness drive, police to challan vehicles for not using side-view mirrors

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CHANDIGARH POLICE will start a challan drive for not using side-view mirrors. The decision was taken by the traffic advisory committee in July, 2018, against motorists.

Driving any motor vehicle including, two-wheeler and four-wheeler, without side-view mirrors on the both the sides of vehicle is an offence under Motor Vehicle (MV), Act, 1988 and it carries a fine of Rs 300.

A police officer said, "This offence falls in category of miscellaneous offences but we are yet to start a challan drive, especially focusing on this offence."

DSP (traffic) Amrao Singh, said, "Before initiating challan drive for not using side-view mirrors, we want to conduct an awareness drive throughout Chandigarh. Majority of people are not aware about the fact that not using the side-view mirrors is also a traffic offence. We are following a strategy of conducting awareness drives about particular offences first and then we will start a challan drive for those traffic offences. The awareness drive will start shortly. The road accident analysis wing of traf-



Vehicle without side mirror on road in Chandigarh on Monday. *Jasbir Malhi*

fic police also observed that in several road accidents, most of the vehicles involved do not have side-view mirrors, which are a compulsory accessory."

As per the official statistics of challans of motor vehicles in Chandigarh, 49,000 challans

out of 1.99 lakh, were issued only for not wearing helmets against two-wheeler riders in 2018.

Meanwhile, 111 motorists have been challaned for honking at three health institutes including PGIMER, GMCH-32 and

GMSH-16 since December 5, 2018. The challan drive for these offences began after a six-month long awareness drive. The UT traffic police had distributed lakhs of stickers urging people to not honk unnecessarily. During the drive, traffic po-

lice had included volunteers and school students.

A police officer said, "At present, we are challaning the people only inside health institutes. We will start challan drives around educational institutes soon as well."





Traffic cops clamp wrongly parked two-wheelers in Sector 34, Chandigarh, on Monday. PRADEEP TEWARI

# Now, clampdown on two-wheelers in city

**WRONG PARKING:** Traffic cops challan 29 in Sector 34

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After four-wheelers, the UT traffic police have now started clamping wrongly parked two-wheelers in the city.

Around 29 two-wheelers parked wrongly in Sector 34 were clamped today.

ASI Sarwan Singh of the Traffic Wing, who had in the recent past clamped a vehicle of Punjab and Haryana High

Court and an SUV owned by the husband of a Punjab MLA, led the drive in Sector 34 and clamped two-wheelers.

The police said Sector 34 was one of the sectors where wrong parking was rampant. The situation turned worse when two-wheeler riders also park their vehicles on the roadside, causing traffic jams.

"Two-wheeler riders earlier used to think that they cannot

get challaned for wrong parking. However, they will also be penalised for the violation now," said a police official.

The traffic police in the past have conducted massive challaning drives against parking on roads in various sectors, especially on lanes opposite markets.

A traffic cop said violators were large in number and sometimes, they even fell short of clamps.

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