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# Coalition aims to curb 'dooring' of cyclists 3

For most Montrealers, the bike season is just beginning. But in an effort to prevent last year's fatal accidents, a coalition of cycling advocates Saturday called One Door, One Life to urge motorists to look in their rear-view mirrors before opening their doors.

In 2013, two Montreal cyclists were killed after being "doored" by motorists, and many others were injured. According to Geoffrey Bush of the accidents involving cyclists, and 12 per cent (or roughly 100) were because of dooring. In other jurisdictions, police have instigated fines for door Massachusetts to \$1,000 in Chicago in the hope motorists will think twice before opening their doors before looking, if only to save money.

In Ottawa, where a civil servant was run over and killed in 2011 after being forced into oncoming traffic by a driver opening her car door, legis increase the maximum fine for dooring to \$1,000.

In Montreal, however, the fine for dooring is \$52 — half the fine for using your horn for no reason.

On Saturday, members of Vélo Saint-Zotique and the Montreal Bike Coalition distributed pamphlets about the implications of dooring around t neighbourhood, and their campaign is now on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/1506518232909197>.

A municipal bylaw, however, prohibited them from placing any pamphlets on parked cars.

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