Child issued parking ticket after putting toy bike in no parking zone

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Declan put his toy motorbike in a no parking zone and suffered the consequences

It turns out, you are never too young to receive your first ticket. A three-year-old Canadian boy had his first lesson in motorbike parking earlier this week.

Declan Tramley really loves motorbikes, so naturally his favorite hang out spot is on the Halifax waterfront boardwalk, where there are many great big motorbikes to see. Declan decided to park his toy motorbike with all of the big ones in a 'no parking' zone, and was overjoyed when a police officer wrote him a ticket.

Constable Shawn Currie, the ticketing officer said, "He parked his bike just like the other motorcyclists would and he walked away and we thought it would be funny if I went over and just pretend to write a parking ticket."

Declan's father takes him down to the boardwalk every now and then to see the shops and people, but, more importantly, the motorbikes. Declan rides his own bike and enjoys mingling with the other motorbike riders, while wearing his own leather jacket of course.

"He [Declan] loves his ticket," Declan's mother, Lisa Tramley, said. "He tried to go to sleep with his ticket actually."

Declan's father took a photo of his son receiving his fake ticket, and the Halifax Regional Police shared the photo on twitter to remind riders not to park in the no parking zone, but now the photo's gone viral.

"It's nice to show the different sides of police," constable Currie said. "You know, we're not always the ones making arrests and hauling people away. We're just normal like everybody else and like to have fun."

While it is all fun and games now, Declan likely will not be so overjoyed with tickets in the future.