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RIDING DIRTY!

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Develop an understanding of motorcycle crash problem
2. Identify 3 common misconceptions about motorcycles
3. Discuss how courts can best help reduce motorcycle crashes

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Riding Dirty?

Biker Slang – riding a motorcycle without a license or Class M endorsement.

Usually indicative of an untrained rider.



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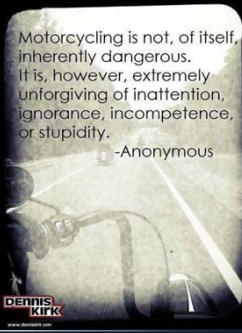
How dangerous?

Motorcycles v. Passenger Vehicles
K&A Crashes per 100M VMT

18 Times as dangerous


In 2016, 493 riders killed and 2006 seriously injured – in Texas.

Motorcycle fatalities are 13% of our total fatality count, but motorcycles are only 2% of registered vehicles.



Motorcycling is not, of itself, inherently dangerous. It is, however, extremely unforgiving of inattention, ignorance, incompetence, or stupidity.
-Anonymous

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COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS


1) Crash Causation

TTI Research 2010-2015 shows:

- 52% are motorcycle only
- In 75% motorcycle rider at fault
- 44% of riders killed were impaired
- 30% of riders killed were speeding or traveling at an unsafe speed



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COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS


1) Crash Causation

TTI Research 2010-2015 shows:

- 20% occurred at or near an intersection where a passenger vehicle FTYROW to a motorcycle
- Human Factors vs. distraction
- 50% of riders killed-unlicensed




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COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

2) Motorcycles are Easy to Operate

- Shifting
A 3 step process utilizing a hand throttle, hand operated clutch and a foot shifter
- Braking
Emergency braking requires a progressive squeeze of the front brake lever while regressively applying pressure to the rear brake pedal
- Turning
3 distinct techniques to turn dependent upon speed and turn radius




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COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

3) Training not required for safe operation

- Experience vs. Training
- Maximum performance required for collision avoidance-especially braking
- Physical and Mental aspects of cornering require specialized training



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Can We Reduce Crashes?

Education and Training

Courts have an opportunity to educate riders

TxDPS regulates all Texas motorcycle training -Trans. Code Chp 662

There are several courses available to increase riding skills, and 2 courses available to obtain a Class M license



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TRAINING COURSE OPTIONS:

Motorcycle Safety Foundation-Basic Rider Course (BRC)
A 15 hour course conducted over a 2 or 3 day period, designed for potential riders who have never operated a motorcycle. The curriculum is divided into 5 hours classroom and 10 hours hands on skill development. The course sponsor provides the training motorcycle and limited protective equipment. MSB-8 completion card provided upon successful completion of the course is good for obtaining a Class M license.

Maximum Cost: \$250

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TRAINING COURSE OPTIONS:

Motorcycle Safety Foundation-Basic Rider Course 2(BRC2)
A 4 hour course conducted in one day, designed for experienced riders who want to improve their basic skills. The course is focused on basic skill improvement. The participant must provide the motorcycle and protective equipment. MSB-8 completion card provided upon successful completion of the course, but the course does not satisfy the requirements for obtaining a Class M license.

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TRAINING COURSE OPTIONS:

Total Control Intermediate Riding Clinic (IRC)
An 8 hour course conducted in one day, designed for experienced riders who want to advance their basic skills. The course is 4 hours classroom and 4 hours skill development. The participant must provide the motorcycle and protective equipment. MSB-8 completion card provided upon successful completion of the course, and the course meets the requirements for obtaining a Class M license.

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TRAINING COURSE OPTIONS:

More information on these courses as well as frequently asked questions, specialized training available and training locations across the state can be found on the Texas DPS Motorcycle Safety Bureau website:
<https://www.dps.texas.gov/msb/>

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There's a life riding on it.



Look Twice Share the Road

On average, a motorcyclist is killed on Texas roads every day.
Remember to look twice for motorcyclists when you drive. Every motorcyclist counts.

THANKS FOR LISTENING

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For information concerning motorcycle safety training in your jurisdiction, contact the Texas Department of Public Safety, Motorcycle Safety Bureau motorcycle.safety@dps.texas.gov or visit their website: <https://www.dps.texas.gov/msb/>

3 courses most often taken in Texas:

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