

WHAT IS A MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS PROGRAM?

A *Motorcycle Awareness Program* (MAP) is, in part, intended to educate and inform automobile drivers, not just beginning drivers, but all drivers, about motorcycles. It is our hope that by making drivers more aware of motorcycles and motorcyclists we can make the roads safer for both rider and driver alike. That by working together we can learn to more safely share the road.

The most common comment made after an accident involving an automobile and a motorcycle is "I didn't see the motorcycle". Motorcycles are indeed smaller than others forms of transportation but we as drivers can see them if we train ourselves, and others, to look for them.

As part of our *Motorcycle Awareness Program* ABATE of North Idaho and its members have been conducting motorcycle awareness classes at both local high school driver's education classes and private drivers ed. classes since the late 1980's. From Clark Fork, Idaho to Moscow, Idaho we have been working to make these presentations available to interested drivers education instructors who feel it would be helpful to their classes.

To find more information about our MAP (Motorcycle Awareness Program) you can contact Dewain Hendren at 208-772-4686 or:

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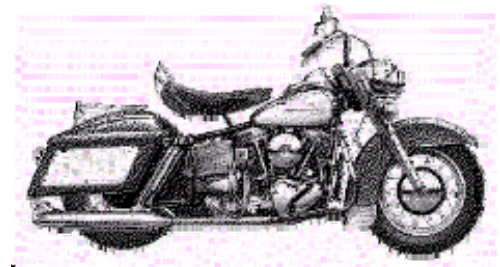
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Idaho Skills Training Advantage for Riders
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Introducing
ABATE of North Idaho's

Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP)



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and Freedom of the Road.*

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FIRST, A LITTLE ABOUT ABATE OF NORTH IDAHO

ABATE stands for American Bikers Aiming Towards Education. ABATE of North Idaho, Inc. is a non-profit, educational and charitable organization that works to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety. We also work to protect and preserve the rights of motorcyclists by being involved in the legislative process both at the state in Boise and national level in Washington DC. . ABATE of North Idaho also works in partnership with other organizations such as the American Motorcyclists Association (AMA) on a wide range of issues of concern to motorcyclists and the motorcycling community.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS CLASS?

Our awareness classes generally run about an hour. This, however to some degree, can be adjusted to fit a particular need or situation. Classes are usually given to 20 to 30 students at a time but we have in the past presented the class, with some modifications, at an entire school assembly.

Our classes usually begin by introducing those conducting the class and offering a few words about our organization and what we do. The students will be given some statistics* that show the increasing number of motorcycles on the road today along with the data that concerns us, the

current rate of accidents and injuries for motorcyclists

A short quiz will be passed out to the students asking some questions relating to motorcycles and safety concerns. Following the quiz a short video is shown that discusses and answers many of the questions on the quiz.

After the video each question on the quiz is answered and discussed further. During these discussions the class presenter and/or accompanying members will sometimes offer personal experiences relating to a question or subject in hopes of better and more fully developing or explaining answers or concerns.

If all questions are answered regarding automobile/motorcycle accidents we then move on to discuss motorcycle only accidents and related safety issues. Statistics** show that motorcyclists that receive proper formal rider training are at less risk of accidents and injuries than those who are self taught or taught by a friend or relative. We very much encourage students considering riding in the future to get formal training such as the STAR (Skills Training Advantage for Riders) Program offered here in Idaho.

If time allows we briefly discuss the safety equipment that motorcyclists wear and why. At the conclusion of the class, after as many questions have been answered as possible, the students are often given a Share The Road^ sticker and thanked for listening to our

presentation. And, reminded again, to look for motorcycles!

WE ARE PROUD TO BE RECOMMENDED BY:

"I've used ABATE in the Coeur d'Alene school district and my private business since the late 1980's."

F. Enders
Idaho Panhandle Driving School
2005

"... I strongly recommend your school district to invite Dewain Hendren and members of ABATE to speak to your Drivers Education classes. The presentation will help make the chapter on motorcycles in the Idaho Drivers Manual come to life"

Clarissa C. Jackson
Drivers Education Instructor
School District 271 & 272,
1994

*- the statistics and accident data are most often from the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* and from *Idaho Department of Transportation*.

** - Hurt Report

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