



North Dakota



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states, the District of Columbia and Guam without a motorcycle advisory committee.

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states that mandates rider education for riders under a certain age.

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states without a training capacity problem.

The mandatory curriculum for novice drivers doesn't include sharing the road information.

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states and Puerto Rico with anti-impaired riding education efforts for motorcycle riders.

Year	Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Motorcycle Fatalities	Motorcycle Registrations
2004	100	347,009	9	20,953
2005	123	341,469	6	23,151
2006	111	345,502	4	25,353

- In North Dakota, motorcycle fatalities represented 9 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities but 6 percent of registered vehicles in 2004; 5 percent of fatalities and 7 percent of registered vehicles in 2005; and 4 percent of fatalities and 7 percent of registered vehicles in 2006.

GENERAL

- The Office of Highway Safety is the lead agency for motorcycle safety.
- Motorcycle crashes are a priority crash problem in North Dakota.
- North Dakota does not have an active motorcycle advisory committee.
- North Dakota has a motorcycle safety plan. The goals of the plan are to educate the public through the *Share the Road* campaign and to increase participation in motorcycle education training courses throughout the state.
- Motorcycle safety is also included in the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

RIDER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- The North Dakota HSO is responsible for rider education and training.
- The MSF's Basic and Experienced RiderCoursesSM are offered in North Dakota.
- Rider education is required for 14-15 year olds.
- Training capacity is not an issue in North Dakota.
- North Dakota has a *Sharing the Road* program. The *Share the Road* program includes distribution of television and radio spots and print material. Also, the North Dakota Motorcycle Safety Program entered into a partnership with a local cable provider to secure an additional \$150,000 in public service announcements toward the FY 2008 *Share the Road* campaign. Additional partners include the American Motorcycle Association and ABATE of North Dakota.
- Information on sharing the road with motorcyclists is included in the state's driving manual but not included in the curriculum for novice drivers.



LICENSING

- The minimum age for a motorcycle license/endorsement is 14 and two months.
- Vision, knowledge and skills tests are required of applicants. If the applicant does not have a Class D license they need to take and pass the knowledge test for this class prior to taking the motorcycle skills test.
- The skills test may be waived for applicants who successfully complete approved motorcycle safety courses.
- Representatives from the DMV, the DOT, the Highway Safety Office, the rider education program, law enforcement, motorcycle dealers, rider groups and NHTSA all work together to encourage proper licensing in North Dakota.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Riders under 18 are required to wear helmets.
- In 2006, none of the riders killed in crashes were wearing helmets.
- Information on the benefits of helmet use is included in the rider training courses offered in the state.

IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLING

- In North Dakota, the rider training courses and a media campaign help educate riders about the dangers of riding impaired.
- North Dakota encourages private organizations to conduct alcohol and drug free events. This is done through the Safe Communities programs across the state.
- Law enforcement officers use the SFST training to detect impaired motorcyclists. This NHTSA program provides training on the proper ways to conduct field sobriety testing and signs to look for with impaired drivers.
- All of the state's impaired driving mobilization campaigns include motorcyclists.

RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- State funds and federal grants are used to fund the motorcycle rider education program.
- North Dakota received a 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant. The money was used to lease training sites, purchase mobile training units, televisions and DVDs for motorcycle education courses.
- North Dakota's training contractor also receives private donations to contribute to the educational program.
- \$55,900 and \$39,700 of federal funds were obligated to motorcycle safety in 2004 and 2005, respectively.