

# ROAD TO SAFETY

## Training Course For Motorcycle Riders

(NAPSA)—A motorcycle is only as safe as the person operating it. For this reason, a growing number of people are taking steps to become better skilled and more responsible riders.

One of the most common ways that motorcyclists are brushing up on the basics is through an introductory hands-on rider training course offered by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). Known as the Basic *RiderCourse*<sup>®</sup> (BRC), the 15-hour program (over two to four days) offers: classroom instruction; practical riding in a controlled, off-street environment; a knowledge test; and riding skill evaluation.

Working with other students in small groups, participants learn how to create their own riding strategies, with plenty of emphasis on the special skills and mental attitude necessary for dealing with traffic and other critical situations. RiderCoaches<sup>SM</sup> advise students on what gear to wear for comfort and protection, as well as basic riding skills and safe riding techniques.

MSF recommends that both novice and experienced riders follow these four safety steps:

1. Get trained. The BRC is great for both newer riders who need to brush up on their basic skills and long-time riders interested in learning about advanced riding techniques or better understanding issues like traction management.

2. Get licensed. Most states



**Rider training and skill development should be a primary concern for anyone who rides a motorcycle.**

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waive some portion of your motorcycle endorsement test, if you've passed an MSF *RiderCourse*.

3. Wear protective gear. Your clothing and helmet should provide both comfort and protection when riding.

4. Ride straight. Riding a motorcycle requires a great amount of mental alertness and physical skill; alcohol, prescription medication, illegal and many over-the-counter drugs all have extraordinarily detrimental effects on a rider's capabilities.

The BRC is considered revolutionary in motorcycle rider training in that it is based upon principles of adult learning, motor skill development and makes the students participants in their own learning. Premiered in January 2001, the program has already been implemented nationwide.

To locate an MSF *RiderCourse* nearby, visit [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org) or call toll-free (800) 446-9227.