

# Near Miss Study of Motorcycles

## Abstract



## A Study of Motorcyclists in Northern Ireland, Southern Ireland and Great Britain

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### ABSTRACT

During the months of May through to July 2009, a survey of 257 motorcyclists in Ireland (Northern and Southern) and Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) was carried out through the internet. The purpose of the survey was to find out from motorcyclists, whether they had experienced situations in which they believed they could have crashed and/or been injured (but were able to keep control of their motorcycle) as well as the type of situations they had experienced.

Overall, 78.2% of the respondents gave details of their experience of near miss situations. The findings of the survey have identified situations that appear to be more prevalent for motorcyclists, which are the potential for collisions between motorcycles and other vehicles, followed by problems with the conditions of roads and road infrastructure.

A focus group was conducted to gather the views of motorcycle experts including trainers, road safety officers, user representatives and a police officer (interviewed separately). The focus group discussed the results of the survey and also considered issues relating to road safety and casualty reduction including training, road infrastructure, legislation and enforcement and advertising campaigns to reduce casualties and the impact of manufacturer advertising on motorcyclists.

The findings of the survey and focus group aim to identify situations that appear to be prevalent in near miss events to support and compare to analysis of accident causation and prevention, but also to identify underlying factors that have up to now, not been the focus of discussions, such as the variations in training in different countries as well as the impact of both positive and negative advertising on rider behaviour.

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