

# Motorcycling



## Why this is a Road Safety Issue:

- ▶ Motorcycles offer little protection to the rider in the event of a mishap.
- ▶ The consequences of a crash can be catastrophic, maiming or killing the rider and pillion.
- ▶ In the ACT, from 2000 to 2006, 17 riders and pillioners have lost their lives through mistakes on their part or by others.

## What the ACT Government is doing:

- ▶ Implementing awareness campaigns to encourage all road users to respect the road rules.
- ▶ Requiring novice riders to complete training programs prior to obtaining their licence.
- ▶ Subsidising additional training for those who fail the Provisional licence test.
- ▶ Encouraging riders to do advanced courses to maintain and improve their skills.

## What You Can Do:

- ▶ Maintain your bike, tyres and gear. A good helmet, protective clothing, boots and gloves, go a long way to reducing the damage to a rider if something goes wrong.
- ▶ Don't drink and ride. A rider needs a clear head and sharp reflexes to keep safe.
- ▶ Do a course to learn or revise the mental & physical skills needed to be a safe rider on a modern machine on modern roads.
- ▶ As a fellow road user, don't invade the motorcyclists "buffer zone". Motorcyclists need room to manoeuvre to maximise their safety with respect to sight, surface and space.



**'Road Safety – It's Everyone's Responsibility'**