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Do future riders benefit from pre-licence training?

The impact on immediate family. For example, s suggestion aired in a recent press statement suggested partners and co-owners of vehicles be

Are there benefits in choosing the Q-RIDE method over the Q-SAFE method?

The security and location of the vehicle so disabled. If the car is left by the roadside, what happens if it is stolen? Does the State expose itself to legal action for loss? What if the vehicle is hit by another driver? Is there a responsibility on all parties to ensure the vehicle is removed to a safe location? Is it possible for the Police to remove it to the closer of the offenders property or a public car park? Drivers driving under the influence are a danger to themselves but more importantly to others. Police usually have on-line access to the drivers records and if there is any indication of any likelihood or re-offending then confiscation for short fixed terms to deal with the immediate situation is inexpensive, given of course an ability to remove the vehicle to a safe holding area. Would be a shame to see the State foot the bill for a vandalised BMW or other luxury vehicle because the driver has been forced to abandon it. The family car is also a major family asset upon which there may be considerable sums owing. What of the pressure on the family if the car is lost and the family has to continue to meet repayment costs or significant replacement costs. Then theres the spare keys! What of them, and the possibility of the driver using them to go on driving, especially if close to home and able to retrieve them quickly. There is also personal security. In provincial cities, much less the rural towns public transport is a total joke. In Rockhampton, the suburb I reside in has no bus service after 5PM. My daughter is coming up to her drivers license and while I hope she will have the brains to not

Do Q-RIDE trained riders have greater crash risks than riders licensed under the Q-SAFE practical test?

I see this as having little effect. The family is again punished and maybe they should simply cut such a person out of their lives for their own sake. Any person who is a problem drinker or so recalcitrant or non-compliant will simply obtain a car in another name (identity fraud is not that uncommon), steal one or make use of a friends or family members car. This, I see as shifting the problem. Again, the purpose of our judicial system and the separation of powers, (I know that is not so strongly entrenched in the State as it is in the Commonwealth - but thats another issue) including the Justices of the Peace Act is to protect citizens from over-zealous and untrammelled

Should obtaining a motorcycle licence be more difficult than gaining a driver's licence?

As stated somewhere in all your paperwork there is no ONE answer. The suggestion of special number plates or perhaps any convicted drink driver being obliged to go on a provisional license with the added restrictions applicable and the oh so beautiful P plate on his/her car, identifying him/her for police as requiring greater monitoring but also to the motoring public. Basically catch them and keep catching them. Then it becomes non-viable to continue

Does the quality of Q-RIDE training vary from location to location?

First time offenders could have the BAC tolerance lowered to zero, for lets say 2 years. Then why not zero tolerance all drivers, then there's no room for doubt or debate. It is an extreme responsibility the person has as a driver, and the consequences are extreme. My familys life is sure worth going without a drink for 12 hours before driving.

Is Q-RIDE cost effective for participants?

Anecdotally, I know many people who comment that it just not worth it, that is driving while over 0.05%. Not only because of the likelihood of getting caught but also because it is too dangeroues. The education prpgrams plus the RBT teams may be having some effect. I do believe greater emphasis could be given in our school system to the problems with it being elevated to perhaps a curriculum subject.

Do unlicensed riders have a greater crash risk than riders licensed under the Q-RIDE system?

The right of appeal is our guarantee in a democracy against the excessive use of