

RISK MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

MAINE DRIVING DYNAMICS (MDD)

Risk Management offers a defensive driving course for State employees. The training is supported by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Highway Safety. The day course is a combination of lecture, videos, and practical application. Topics include driver habits and attitudes, weather conditions, impaired drivers, collision avoidance and rules of the road.

Upon completion, the student receives a three-point credit on their driver's license through the Secretary of State's Office; drivers 55 years and older can receive a discount on auto insurance premiums.

<https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/24-A/title24-Asec2902-G.html>

Risk Management's goal is to reduce the frequency and severity of State vehicle accidents.

Consider this, Risk Management has paid out over **\$4 million dollars** in vehicle liability claims in the past eight years. That amount does not include the cost of workers' compensation for State employees involved in the accident, loss of job productivity or the cost to repair/replace State vehicles. Vehicle collisions are costly. Our goal is to prevent collisions from happening in the first place.

Who Should Attend The Course?

Courses are filled according to the following priority:

- 1) Employees who have had a preventable accident.
- 2) Employees who spend a considerable amount of their work time on the road.
- 3) Employees who have occasion to drive on State business.

What Will It Cost My Agency?

Risk Management will provide the certified trainer and all materials as a loss prevention initiative. The cost to your agency is limited to the employee's work time to attend. Employee's must have supervisor approval to attend.

How Can I Take Advantage Of This Training For My Employees?

A supervisor wishing to schedule one or more employees for this training should call RMD at 287-3351.

Classes are generally limited to 25 students each. If you have enough employees to fill a class, we will work with you to set a time, date, and location convenient to you. If you do not have enough employees to fill a class, we will take the information from you and put you in our database. When we have enough employees in a specific area, we will schedule a class for that location and advise you of the date, time, and location. Every effort will be made by our office to accommodate your needs.

Feedback on this program has been excellent. We encourage you to get the word out to your supervisors and managers. It is a win-win program for the State, your agency, and employees.