





TRAINING NOVICE DRIVERS AFTER SPANISH PENALTY POINT SYSTEM EXPERIENCE



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The Spanish penalty point system

- On 1st July 2006 a penalty point system was introduced in Spain.
- Main aim: to reduce the fatality rate.
 - European target by the year 2010: to reduce by 50% the number of road fatalities.
 - Objective achieved in Spain by 54%.
- Focuses on the consolidation of a traffic safety culture, beyond the legal aspects, and on reducing rates of repetitive offences.





The aims of the penalty point system

- To complement the regular sanction scheme: points + fine
- To raise awareness.
- To re-educate.
- To encourage drivers to take responsibility for their actions.
- To change their perception of the offences.







Losing points

- Specific serious offences:6, 4 or 3 points
- Maximum: 8 point per day (except very serious offences)







Traffic Offenders Courses:

Partial recovery

- Optional for recovering points
- 12 hours course
- Up to + 6 points more
- Only for traffic offenders who want to recover points

Total recovery

- Compulsory to get driver's licence reinstated
- 24 hours course
- All the points (up to 8)
- Two kind of participants: traffic criminal offenders & administrative traffic violators



Traffic Offenders Courses: Objectives



- Raise awareness of the serious consequences of road accidents: human, economic and social losses.
- Make the drivers aware of their own responsibility in dangerous driving.
- Change the behaviours and the attitudes of the drivers in order to be more considerate of other road users.





Traffic Offenders Courses: Main characteristics

- High level <u>of standardization</u>, one of the unique aspect of the system.
- Courses content mainly concentrated on road safety (not the Law).
- Contents <u>specifically designed</u> by **INTRAS**
- Professions delivering these courses are:
 - Driving Instructors trained by INTRAS on a 80 hs (Highway safety, teaching skills, driving behaviour...)
 - Psychologist trained by INTRAS on a 16 hs (changing attitudes while driving.)
 - Testimony from the Road Victims Association (AESLEME)

Traffic Offenders Courses: Subjects Content

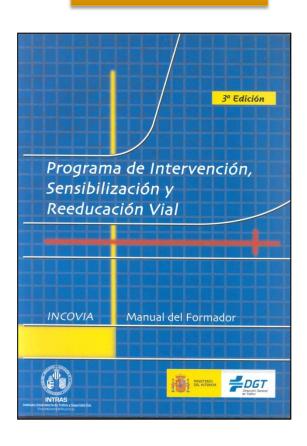
- 1. Traffic accidents: the magnitude of the problem
- 2. Dynamic of a collision and its consequences
- 3. The driving as a decision taking process
- Basic capabilities for safe driving
- Special risk groups: children, youth, elderly, pedestrians, cyclists ...
- Risk factors: speed, alcohol, drugs, luck of sleep, fatigue...
- Active & passive safety
- 8. Preventive driving in adverse conditions
- First aid
- 10. The importance of following the rules

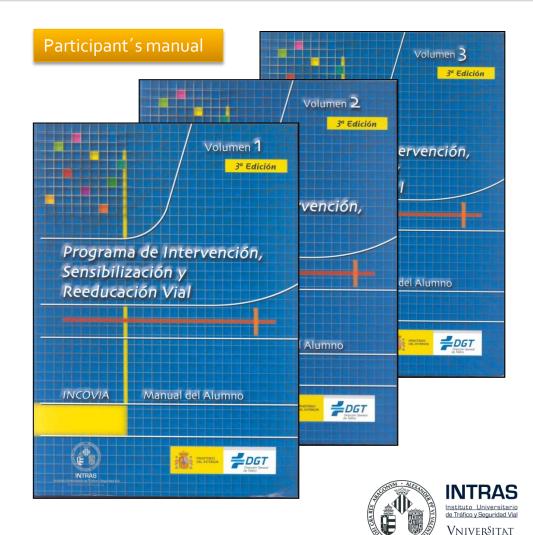




Resources: Course books for Instructor & Driver Participants

Intructor's Manual

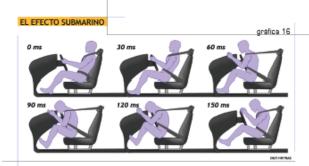




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DINÁMICA DE UN IMPACTO Y CONSECUENCIAS PARA LAS VÍCTIMAS

El efecto submarino está muy relacionado con aspectos tales como una mala colocación del cinturón de seguridad, con una incorrecta posición del respaldo (por ejemplo, demasiado inclinado hacia atrás) o con el uso de algunas fundas para los asientos. Por ello, deberemos insistir sobre el adecuado uso y reglaje de estos elementos.

3.2. Colisión por Alcance

Este tipo de colisiones ocurre cuando un vehículo está detenido y es golpeado por detrés por otro vehículo, o bien

mientras circula y es impactado por la perte trasera por otro vehículo que circula a mayor velocidad. Este es un tipo de accidente muy frecuente y da lugar a más del 40% de las lesiones que se producen en el tráfico. Es en estos casos cuando se produce el esquince cervical, ya comentado anteriormente.

Estas lesiones pueden ocurrir incluso a velocidades inferiores a 16 km/h, ya que el vehículo que impacta, al golpear, provoca una aceleración en el otro vehículo. Las zonas de la columna vertebral de la C5 a la D1 son las que se ven sometidas a una especial agresión, con variaciones según el grado de aceleración a la que se ve sometida la cabeza. Se calcula que esta lesión ocurre entre el 50-60% de los casos de colisiones traseras.



Resources: Instructor's DVD









Resources: Interactive Driver's DVD



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THE RESEARCH

- TOOLS: questionnaire: volunteer and anonymous.
- POPULATION SAMPLE: driver offenders (criminal offenders & administrative trafic violators) who took part in the re-educational courses linked to the penalty point system.
- SAMPLE SIZE: 2.613 drivers.
- SURVEY DATE: March-July of 2010.
- MARGIN OF ERROR: +/-1.92%.





RESEARCH MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- 1. DRIVER PROFILE REPETITIVE OFFENDERS
- 2. EVALUATION OF THE TRAINING & OTHER FEATURES ABOUT THE COURSES
- 3. EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF THE TRAINING RECEIVED





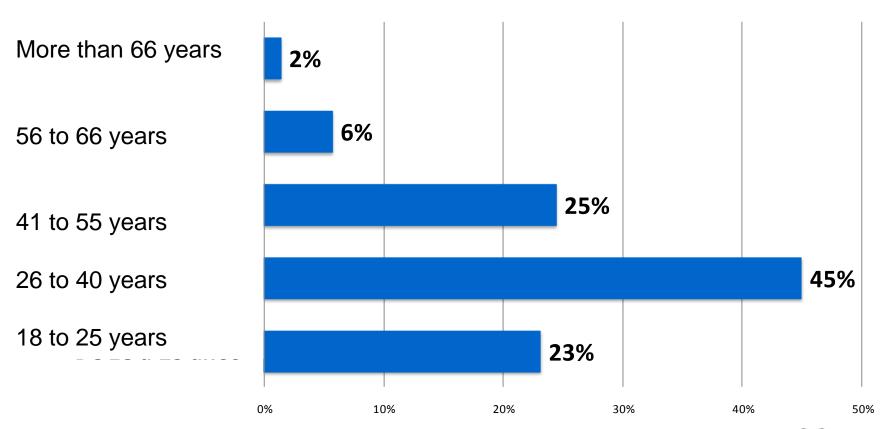
FIRST OBJECTIVE

DRIVER PROFILE REPETITIVE OFFENDERS





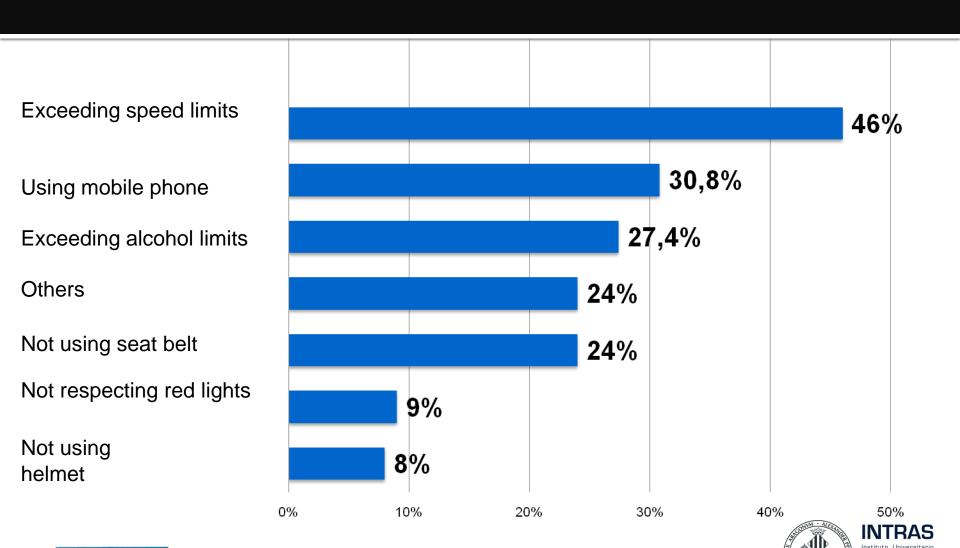
AGE OF ATTENDING COURSES







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SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICAL PROFILE

- GENDER: 93% male
- AGE: average age 36
 - 18-25 years lose more points due to alcohol drinking (32,4%)
 - 26-40 years lose more points due exceed speed limits (33%)
 - 41-50 years lose more points due exceed speed limits (34, 1 %)
- EDUCATIONAL LEVEL: only 13% have higher education
 - High educational level loses points by:
 - Using mobile phone
 - Speeding
 - Less educational level loses points by:
 - Not using safety belt



Not wearing a helmet



SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICAL PROFILE

MARITAL STATUS: 56% singles or without a partner

 Married people commit more offences by using the mobile phone and speeding

PROFESIONAL DRIVERS

 Lose more points for using the mobile phone and not using the seat belt

NON PROFESIONAL DRIVERS

Lose more points for exceeding alcohol limits





SECOND OBJECTIVE

EVALUATION OF DE TRAINING AND OTHER FEATURES OF THE COURSES

PROFFESIONALS EVALUATION RESULTS

Driving Instructor	9.06
Psychologist	7.93
Accident victims (AESLEME)	8.72





COURSES EVALUATION RESULTS

Organization	8.37
Timetable	6.28
Learners' Course books	8.02
Teaching Material	8.47
Interactive tools: Training-DVD	7.90
Overall satisfaction	8.20





THIRD OBJECTIVE

EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF THE TRAINING RECEIVED





RESULTS OF THE IMPACT OF THE TRAINING RECEIVED

- 92,9% recognize that they are more aware about the importance of the safety driving.
- 93,5% think that they will drive more safely.
- 75% say that could have avoid losing points if they had received this training, when they were obtained their driving license.
- 94,6% think that everyone should know about the topics related with these courses.



CONCLUSIONS

- The re educational courses will influence in the attitudes and behaviours of the drivers.
- The importance of a global Driver's Instructors training.
- The importance to make course attendance compulsory.
- The importance of the materials and the methodology and their standardization.





CONCLUSIONS

- The importance of the subjects of the program based in highway safety and not only in law.
- The actual Spanish model for obtain driving license doesn't n contain these topics.
- In the next revision of the law we have to consider these topics to create a better driving license program, to make it possible to reduce traffic fatalities even more.











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