Ride Smart Ride Safe workshops aim to train 1,400 platform riders

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Platform food-delivery and courier riders will get free monthly defensive-riding workshops under a Ride Smart, Ride Safe programme announced on 12 September 2026 by Second Minister for Home Affairs Sim Ann. The Government aims to train 1,400 riders over two years at the Singapore Safety Driving Centre in Woodlands.

Singapore Ride Safe / Ride Smart Ride Safe launch coverage, 12 September 2026. Photo: CNA

How the workshops run

Sim Ann spoke at the Singapore Ride Safe campaign launch during National Bikersâ?? Weekend at Singapore Expo. The three driving schools will partner the National Delivery Champions Association and platform operators to run the monthly sessions.

MOM figures cited at the launch put about 15,300 Singapore-resident regular delivery platform workers in 2024. Sim said those riders spend far more time on the road than the average motorcyclist and need

skills support as well as safer employer practices.

Sim Ann at the Singapore Ride Safe launch on 12 September 2026. Photo: The Straits Times

Why the timing

MOMâ??s 1H2026 Workplace Safety and Health report, released on 8 September, recorded four platform-worker fatalities among 21 workplace deaths from January to June 2026, up from two in the same period of 2025. Three of the four were delivery workers and one was in ride-hailing. About 86 per cent of platform workers with fatal or major injuries in the half-year were involved in a vehicular incident.

The Multi-Agency Workplace Safety and Health Taskforce has brought in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Traffic Police on work-related traffic risk. Sim also urged platforms to avoid time-based incentives that push riders to rush, and to manage fatigue with proper work-rest arrangements.

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Ministry of Manpower. Photo: MOM

Checklists on the apps

A safer-riding checklist is due on delivery apps, physical banners and motorcycle parking lots at participating malls. Traffic Police half-year figures noted a 5.8 per cent rise in injured motorcyclists and

pillion riders even as fatal accidents overall fell 23.1 per cent. Motorcyclists and pillion riders accounted for 45.9 per cent of road deaths in that period.

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