Handout: Risk factors and the Haddon Matrix



Read carefully this description of a road traffic collision scene.

A speeding motorist who is late for a meeting approaches a road junction and goes through a traffic light that has just turned red. He hits a motorcyclist, for whom the light had just turned green. The motorcyclist, who is not wearing a helmet, suffers severe head injuries. The motorist suffers facial injuries. The police find out that the motorist had not put on his seat-belt.

Quiz question: Using the Haddon matrix, identify the pre-crash and crash risk factors related to the driver and the motorcyclist.