

Why Take Driver Training?

Molding your teen into a safe driver is a complex task. Part of the process involves learning the rules of the road and how to safely operate a vehicle – two arduous tasks where professional driver education and training can help tremendously. Even though your child may be weeks, months or even a couple of years from driving, it's not too early to start learning about driver education.

New drivers need a solid foundation of knowledge, skills and plans to reduce their risk behind the wheel. Quality driver education can help to develop safe driving attitudes, improve hazard recognition and explain how to manage visibility, time and space in traffic.

Review some of the reasons below as to why you should enroll your teen in an approved driver training course:

- A lot has changed since you earned your license. Licensed driving schools should be up-to-date on all the latest vehicle technology, rules of the road and the latest safety tips.
- In approved driver education, the instructor has the proper equipment and resources to give your teen the training and experience they need to become a safe driver.
- An approved driver education course provides the teens with the knowledge, skill and confidence to pass the driver test the first time around.
- No offense, but teens simply learn better from a professional instructor. Less time back-talking means more time listening.
- One in five teen drivers has a fender bender (or worse) during their first year of driving. Teens who take a formal driver education course have a 21% lower crash rate than those who don't.
- Teens that complete an approved driver education program are more likely to survive their teenage years - and are more likely to have teen drivers of their own one day. Traffic crashes are the single leading cause of death for 15-20 year-olds.
- Teens that complete an approved driver education course save about 15% annually on their car insurance.

In addition to modeling good driving etiquette and providing experienced instruction, driving schools reinforce the best practices – such as distraction-free driving tips – to keep all of us safe and alert on the roads. Your local driver education instruction courses may provide additional information specific to your area, such as tips on:

- Freeway driving
- Inclement weather
- Navigating busy urban streets

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