



Nebraska Teen Driver Safety Programming

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Peer-to-Peer Education Teens in the Driver Seat

- Peer-to-peer program for teens that focuses on traffic safety.
- Ran by students in schools through the guidance of a teacher or school sponsor.
- Students plan activities and outreach that cover risk areas.
- Win **CA\$H** for the school for doing activities.
- Have access to all kinds of free resources.
- Positive changes in knowledge and behavior.

Top Driving Risks Covered

Driver inexperience is the #1 cause for teen crashes along with these following situations:



Night/Drowsy Driving



Speeding/Racing



Distractions



Low Seat Belt Use



Impaired Driving

TDS Resource Kit





Don't be a Dum-Dum - Be a safe driver at night and never drive drowsy.

TEEN IN THE DRIVER SEAT

How Many Hours of Sleep Did you Get Last Night?

<5	6	7	8	>8
7	15	18	19	10

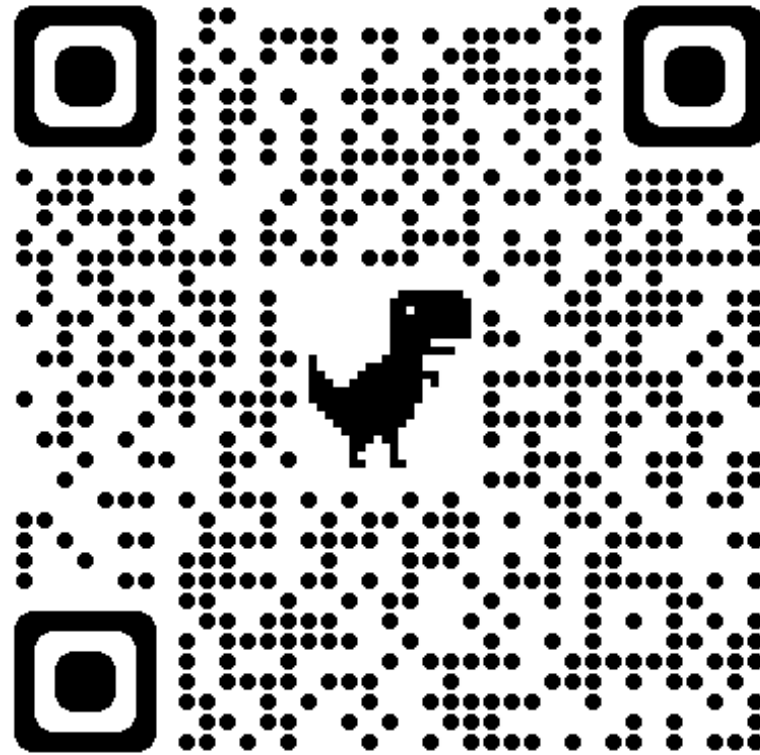
Nebraska TDS in Action

Recognition/Leadership Opportunities

- All Star School
- SponStar
- Teen Advisory Board
- Extra Mile Senior Activity
- Driving the Message [Video](#) or
Poster Contest Winner
- Zero Hero Activities
 - Distracted Driving
 - Seat Belt
 - Pedestrian



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GDL Education and Policy

- Increases parental knowledge leading to better enforcement of GDL.
- Integrate GDL information into driver education.
- Quick guide for law enforcement.
- School use for families.
- Improvements needed in GDL policy.

Nebraska Graduated Driver Licensing [GDL]:

DRIVING RESTRICTIONS

Cell Phones:

- No type of interactive wireless communication device can be used while operating a motor vehicle that is in motion.
- Violation carries a \$200 fine for first offense and assessed points on license.
- Second offense is a \$300 fine.
- Third offense is \$500.

Seat Belts:

- All occupants riding with a permit holder, including the driver, must wear a seat belt.
- Violation carries a \$25 fine.
- Clarion issued to GDL permit holder.*

Nighttime Driving:

- Holder of a Provisional Operator Permit (POP) shall not drive from midnight to 6 AM unless to or from school activities or work.
- Violation carries a one point assessment on driving record.*

Passengers:

- Holder of a School Permit (SCP) may only transport family members who reside with them to the school attended by the holder.
- For the first 6 months, a holder of a Provisional Operator Permit (POP) is limited to one passenger younger than 19 who is not an immediate family member.
- Violation carries a one point assessment on driving record.*

Alcohol:

- Laws state that drivers under the age of 21 cannot use or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- First offense results in court impounding permit or license for 30 days.
- A driver under 21 is subject to the same DUI laws as a person age 21 or over if the blood alcohol content is .08 (BAC) or greater.*

***ENFORCEMENT**

The above list of violations is NOT inclusive. There are OTHER Nebraska Law violations that can affect driving permits and driving privileges upon judgement of or conviction for the specific violation.

Violation of ANY driving restrictions can result in a suspended or revoked license. Individuals under 21 accumulating six (6) or more points within one year are required to take a driver improvement course within three (3) months.

GDL laws are in place for your teen's safety. They keep your teen safe by keeping them out of situations that put them at higher risk for a crash.

Nebraska GDL laws cover teens ages 14 to 17. A teen driver must hold a POP for one year before receiving an unrestricted license.

NE GDL INCLUDES:


- school learner permit
- school permit
- learner permit
- provisional operator permit

GDL RESOURCES


ParentsDriveTheMessage.NE.GOV For more info, contact 402-471-2916
www.dmv.nebraska.gov

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Safe Teen Driving Begins With You.



Role model safe driving habits.



Learn about GDL laws and enforce them.



Complete a parent-teen driving agreement.

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Parent/Guardian Involvement

- Parents play a key role in keeping their teen safe at the wheel. Parents who are supportive, involved and enforce driving restrictions can lower their teen's crash risk by 50 percent. (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia)
- Teens with involved parents/guardians are:
 - Twice as likely to use their seat belt,
 - 70 percent less likely to drink and drive,
 - Half as likely to speed,
 - 30 percent less likely to use a cell phone while driving
 - Significantly less likely to drive with multiple passengers



Parent Resources

- Parent-teen driving agreement: schools, driver education programs
- GDL card
- Ads/Social Media
 - NET sporting events



I, _____

Parent/Teen Driving Agreement

I agree to follow all the rules and restrictions in this contract. I understand that my parents will impose penalties, including removal of my driving privileges, if I violate this contract. I also understand that my parents will allow me greater driving privileges as I become more experienced and as I demonstrate that I am a safe and responsible driver.

I promise that I will obey all the rules of the road

- Always wear a seat belt and make certain all my passengers buckle up.
- Obey all traffic lights, stop signs, other street signs, and road markings.
- Stay within the speed limit and drive safely.
- I will not drive with more than one passenger that is under the age of 19 who is not an immediate family member for the first 6 months of having my Provisional Operators Permit.

I promise that I will stay focused on driving

- Never text, read, send messages or use apps while driving or sitting at a stoplight.
- Never talk on the cell phone.
- Drive with both hands on the wheel.
- Never eat or drink while driving.
- Drive only when I am alert and in emotional control.
- Never use headphones or earbuds to listen to music when I drive, and set my music before driving.
- As a passenger, share the responsibility for arriving safely with my driver and offer help so my driver does not drive distracted.

I promise that I will respect laws about drugs and alcohol

- Never use alcohol or drugs.
- Never ride with someone who is driving impaired (using alcohol or drugs).
- Never allow any alcohol or illegal drugs in my car.

As your parent/guardian,

- I will serve as a good role model when operating a vehicle; use my seatbelt, no cell phone use, and obey traffic laws.
- I agree to come get you at any hour, from any place, with no questions asked and no argument at that time. I expect a discussion of such an incident at a later time.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Teen Signature

Date

Driver Education

- Study by UNL Dept. of Educational Psychology and NE Prevention Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Inequities in access to driver education across the state
- Barriers
 - Instructor availability
 - Location/distance
 - Cost
 - Time/don't fit in schedule
 - Perception it is a waste of time
 - Delivery of information

Conclusions

Findings

- Teens taking driver education had lower odds of having crashes and injury or fatal crashes and lower odds of receiving a moving violation or alcohol related violation.
- Lower odds were evident in the first two years of driving at ages 16 and 17 when teen crash and fatality rates are highest.
- Lower cumulative probability of crashes and violations (survival) and lower probability of future crashes and violations (Hazard) for the driver education group were still evident for 8 years of driving.
- Because some well-known demographic risk factors including gender, urban/rural residence, ethnicity, and household income (SES) were controlled, the effects of driver education were not an artifact of differences in these.

Implications

- The more informal education and training received from parents or other adults in the certification log method does not appear to be as effective as the formal education and training received in the certified driver education program in reducing teen traffic harms.
- This appears to be true even though the log method provides for more behind-the-wheel supervised driving practice than is required in the driver education curriculum.
- Findings are limited because we cannot know whether there are important systematic differences between teens taking driver education or completing the certification log.

Thank You!!



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