

STATISTICS TELL THE TEEN DRIVER STORY!

- 16 and 17 year-old teens are the most likely age group to have a serious car crash.
- Approximately 20% of all car crashes occur when young drivers between ages of 16 to 20 are behind the wheel.
- A substantial number of first-year teen drivers will be involved in a car crash.
- Across our nation over 40,000 fatalities occur each year; one every 12 minutes! Of that tragic number, approximately 5,000 involve teenage drivers.
- Approximately 55% of people killed in teen driver crashes are persons other than the drivers.
- Distractions, inexperience and speed are the leading causes of teen crashes.

TEEN DRIVER ESSENTIAL SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM

A small investment in time to protect our new and inexperienced teen drivers and to prevent family and community tragedies!

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“WORKING TO REDUCE TEEN CAR CRASHES”

PLEASE GIVE YOUR TEEN
A “BRAKE” AND SIGN UP TODAY!

YOUTH SAFETY COUNCIL OF VERMONT is proud to offer the **TEEN DRIVER ESSENTIAL SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM**



A “hands-on” advanced driver training program to teach people how to drive in a safe and responsible manner

*Training conducted by
Stevens Advanced
Driver Training*

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TEEN DRIVER ESSENTIAL SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM:



TRAINING VIDEO:

To view an informative training video about this course, please go to:
www.vtyouthsafetycouncil.org

TRAINING SITES:

Concord Airport, Concord, NH
Green Mountain Racetrack, Pownal, VT
Osgood Street, North Andover, MA

HOW TO ENROLL:

For available dates, times, and registration, please go to:
www.skidschool.us

Parents play a vital role in the education process of their teen driver. The Youth Safety Council urges parents to make the training a family experience and attend the Teen Driver Essential Skills Training Program with their teen either as a participant or in a support and encouragement role.



One of Stevens’ certified instructors teaching students the importance of driving only with safe tires.

WHY THE YOUTH SAFETY COUNCIL SUPPORTS A TEEN DRIVER ESSENTIAL SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM!

A parent's worst fear is the expectations of a call from the State Police telling them that their teenager was involved in a serious car accident. We believe that most families may avoid this type of phone call by discussing, as a family, auto safety issues and by attending a quality auto safety training program.



Students receiving orientation instructions from a driving instructor.

Driving at excessive speeds, distractions, tailgating, driving under the influence, carelessness, and driver inexperience are causes of most serious car crashes. This driver skills development program zeroes in on these serious problem areas. We firmly believe that the skills taught by the Stevens Teen Driver Essential Skills Training program will reduce car crashes dramatically especially for new teen drivers. The hands-on training provided by professional driving instructors imparts the skills and confidence needed to be an effective, responsible, and safe driver.

The following comments from past participants best describe the benefits of this unique training program:

"This type of training should be mandatory! I don't want to be driving on the road with others that can't manage these driving skills."

"One of the most informative and fun days I've had. Trainers were super. Both helpful and knowledgeable. Calm and patient."



"This course makes it plainly obvious that one can't really drive defensively or be ready to take immediate evasive action while distracted by cell phone, coffee cup in hand, eating, etc. Adverse things happen too fast on the road to allow oneself to be distracted."

"I think I've been more cautious in general. I take turns better, I leave more distance between others cars and mine, and I look before I back up."

"I am now a more confident driver because I know what to do in those different situations. It has also made me more cautious."

"I will never tailgate again. I am now conscious of it all the time."

WHY IS ESSENTIAL SKILLS TRAINING IMPORTANT FOR TEENAGE DRIVERS?

Driver error is the primary factor in 9 out of 10 car crashes. This program teaches each driver critical skills needed for car crash avoidance or reacting to emergency situations. The Teen Driver Essential Skills Training Program focuses on:

- ◆ Braking and the proper use of anti-lock brakes
- ◆ Importance of seat belt use
- ◆ Dangers of tailgating
- ◆ How to make emergency lane changes
- ◆ Being in control physically and emotionally
- ◆ Driver distractions and impairment
- ◆ Effect of road conditions
- ◆ Proper equipment and safe vehicles
- ◆ Attitude and choices; both as a driver and a passenger
- ◆ Vision
- ◆ Backing up safely

"I particularly felt it made you aware of the power of your vehicle and thus a greater respect for this powerful and potentially dangerous machinery."

"I gained confidence from the course. I feel less hesitant behind the wheel. My steering and overall awareness has improved."

"This is a wonderful program. All Vermont drivers should be required to take and pass the course."

