



Teen Drivers: The Parent's Role
**Parent-Teen Driving Class, Thursday, August 30, 2012 from
5:30 - 7:00pm**

**THIS CLASS IS OPEN TO ALL DRIVER'S AND PARENTS
(mandatory for all students in Driver's Education in 2012-2013)**

Do you know what the REAL risks are for teen drivers? Do you know what restrictions are in place for new teen drivers? Do you have a contract in place with your teen, outlining your expectations when they get behind the wheel?

Learn about all this and more in our parent-teen class, ***an essential part of our driver's ed classroom training.***

Why? Experts on young driver behavior agree that effective parent involvement makes a difference in reducing young driver crashes. This class will help you understand the big influence you can have in helping your teen become a safer driver and will give you the tools to do so.

The class will:

- 1. Increase your awareness of the most common risks for teen drivers (it may not be what you think) and Minnesota's teen driver laws.*
- 2. Increase your understanding of the strong influence you have on your teen's driving behavior.*
- 3. Provide information and tools you can use to help support your teen in driving safely.*

The bottom line: the more you know about teen driving risks and laws and helpful ways to talk about them with your teen the more you can help your child become a safer driver. For example, a study by The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia shows that teens who said their parents set clear rules, paid attention to where they were going and whom they were with, and did so in a supportive way were:

- half as likely to crash,*
- twice as likely to wear seat belts,*
- 71 percent less likely to drive while intoxicated,*
- 30 percent less likely to use a cell phone while driving,*

when compared to teens who said their parents were less involved.

We look forward to seeing you and your teen at the class, and working together to make him or her as well-trained and safe as possible behind the wheel.

The Teen Drivers: The Parent's Role class will be held:

**Thursday, August 30, 2012, 5:30 - 7:00pm, McGregor High School Auditorium
(North Entrance)**

Presenter: Gordy Pehrson, Youth Traffic Safety & Alcohol Coordinator, Office of Traffic Safety & Trooper **Kevin Skalsky,** MN State Patrol

Registration is preferred, but not required.

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