

Look Who's Driving Now

A Parent's Guide to Graduated Driver Licensing

Welcome!

Your instructor is _____.

What we expect from this meeting

1. We will review the driver education course your student is taking, and our expectations of him or her.
2. We will review the steps it takes for a teenager to earn Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 driver licenses.
3. We will provide coaching tips you can use to help your student become a good defensive driver.
4. We will outline your responsibilities during this period and suggest ways to help you meet them.

Warming up – What are your questions about Graduated Driver Licensing?

What concerns you about teaching your teenager how to drive and letting him or her drive on his or her own?

What you will see in the video

Part 1. "It's not like when I was 16..." (runs 8 min.)

- Step by step review of Michigan's Graduated Driver Licensing Law
- Importance of logging the hours your student drives
- What you'll need at the Secretary of State's office

Part 2. "You're the Coach now." (runs 7 min.)

- Tips for teaching your teen good defensive driving habits

Part 3. "Handing over the keys" (runs 4 min.)

- Parents' Rights and Responsibilities
- The Parent/Teen Safe Driving Contract

Before you go

- Notice where to get help. We printed a resource list on the back of this page.
- Ask the instructor any questions you may still have about helping your student become a safe driver.

Notes and Questions:

Where to get more help...

1. First, get on the same page as your student. Literally. Ask to look over the textbook and other materials your student receives from the driver education instructor.
2. Ask the instructor about the booklet, **Michigan's Graduated Driver Licensing: A Guide for Parents**. It's very complete and also available on the Web. Go to www.michigan.gov and follow the links for "Licensing" to the Secretary of State's site and "GDL: A Guide for Parents." It's stored in Adobe Acrobat format, but free software to view it is widely available. Instructions for installing Acrobat Reader™ are on the Secretary of State's Web site.
3. **Road Test Skills Study Guide** is also available at the Secretary of State's branch offices and Web site.

Other resources

AAA Foundation For Traffic Safety

www.aafts.org

The AAA Foundation conducts research and public education programs to prevent traffic deaths and injuries. Offers brochures and videos on the Web.

AAA Michigan

1-800-646-4222

e-mail: communitysafety@aaamichigan.com

Offers a wide variety of traffic safety education materials.

Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

www.iihs.org or 703-247-1500

Offers videos for sale and free facts about car crashworthiness and other safety questions.

Michigan Center for Truck Safety

www.truckingsafety.org or 1-800-682-4682, ext. 11

Offers a free video, *Share the Road: Driving Safely Around Big Trucks*.

Michigan Department of Education

www.michigan.gov/mde

Offers a schedule for motorcycle rider classes under Parents/Resources/Driver Education.

Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning

www.michigan.gov/msp [follow the links through the "Services to governmental agencies" tab]

Offers links to safety programs and Michigan crash statistics.

Michigan Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association

www.adtsea.iup.edu/Michigan

Offers a detailed driving log in .pdf format.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

www.madd.org

Offers help for starting or conducting local drinking prevention programs.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

www.nhtsa.dot.gov

Offers easy to use information on recalls, buying safer cars, and safe driving.

Network of Employers for Traffic Safety

www.trafficsafety.org or 202-452-6005

Offers for sale *The Novice Driver's Road Map*, a series of practice sessions for adult coaches and teen drivers.

Michigan Secretary of State

www.michigan.gov/sos

Offers copies of parent guides and other driver and vehicle licensing information on the Web.

Traffic Safety Association of Michigan

tsamichigan.org or (800) 487-6709 or (517) 318-3787

Offers various print and no-cost video resources.