



Saving The Teenage Driver

Satellite Conference and Live Webcast

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It's undoubtedly the one question every single teenager asks in their lifetime, and it's undoubtedly the one question every single parent dreads, "hey Mom/Dad, can I drive?" This seeming rite of passage should come as no surprise, because parents, no matter how much you don't want your babies to grow up, they will start driving eventually, but putting the breaks on how quickly your young one accelerates into the driver's seat could save their life.

Most adults will tell you driving on the roads at any age can be risky but here's the scary part – more teenagers die due to motor vehicle accidents than anything else. Every year around 5,500 teens are killed, 450,000 are injured and 27,000 require hospitalization because of auto accidents. Statistics show 16-to 19-year-olds have higher crash rates than any other age group, with 16-year-olds leading the caravan.

So at a time when the teenager is supposedly "never wrong," how can parents keep them from speeding off into a dangerous situation? At least one expert says it starts by steering them in the right direction. This program will provide some useful, first time driving tips, some easy guidelines to implement with teenage drivers and even a driving and riding contract to buckle a new driver in to the rules of the road.

Many teenage auto accidents can be prevented but experts say it won't happen without tougher laws, not just from government agencies, but also from parents. Car crashes are the single biggest killer of American teenagers. Learn how to help reverse the tragic trend.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

1. Provide the basic statistics about teen driving fatalities.
2. Identify the major risk factors that contribute to teen driving fatalities.
3. Understand similarities and differences between experienced (adult) and inexperienced (teen) drivers.
4. Identify family and community based efforts which may prevent teen driving deaths.

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CONFERENCE DETAILS:

Target Audience: Professionals who work with adolescents and young adults, school counselors, educators, driver's education instructors, child advocates, parents, emergency personnel, nurses, physicians, state & local law enforcement officials

Registration: www.adph.org/alphtn

CEUs: Social Workers 1.4 hours approved.

Satellite Technical Information: Ku & C bands

Webcast Access: On the day of the program, go to www.adph.org/alphtn and click on the "view webcast" link.

Conference Materials: Posted on ADPH website approximately one week before the program.

Questions For Faculty: Email questions and a response will be given during the program.

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