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Driver Ed News

GRADUATED DRIVER'S LICENSE PROGRAM

Effective January 1, 2001, anyone under 17 years of age who has not been issued a driver's license in Idaho must successfully complete an approved driver training program and comply with the requirements of the Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Program. Under the GDL Program, you will be required to complete a minimum six-month violation-free supervised instruction period, during which you must:

- be accompanied by a supervising person at least 21 years old with a valid driver's license who is occupying the seat beside you (no other passengers are allowed in the front seat),
- assure that all occupants are wearing seat belts or child restraints if required,
- have the Supervised Instruction Permit (SIP) in your immediate possession while driving,
- observe all laws regarding alcohol and other intoxicating substances, and
- accumulate at least 50 hours of supervised driving time, ten hours of which must be at night

If you are convicted of violating any traffic laws (moving or non-moving), violate any restrictions, or have your driving privileges suspended by the department or the courts while you are operating under the Supervised Instruction Permit (SIP), the permit will be canceled and you must apply for a new SIP. Your minimum six months of supervised driving begins all over again with the issuance of a new permit. You may drive on your SIP for longer than six months if it has not expired.

Once you have successfully met the requirements of the GDL, and are at least 15 years of age, you will be required to take and pass the skills test and the knowledge test before receiving a driver's license. The skills test and the knowledge test may NOT be taken sooner than six (6) months from the date you complete the driver's training course or age 17, whichever comes first. If you fail the written and/or the skills test, you must wait three days before retesting for each failure.

GDL TRAFFIC VIOLATION PENALTIES

As part of the Graduated Driver's License Program all drivers under the age of 17 are subject to the following moving traffic violation penalties:

- **First violation** - Warning letter
- **Second violation** - Minimum 30-day suspension
- **Third violation** - Minimum 60-day suspension

These penalties are in addition to the cancellation of a Supervised Instruction Permit (SIP) during the supervised instruction period, or any other suspensions that may be ordered by a court or the department because of a traffic violation. For further information regarding suspensions and Idaho's Point Violation System, refer to the [Violation Points section](#).

NOTE: If your SIP or driver's license gets suspended, you must pay all applicable reinstatement fees before your driving privileges can be reinstated. If your SIP has been canceled, you will have to purchase a new SIP if you are under 17 years old.

Do you have your instructor card?

[Click here for required paperwork](#)

Save the Date

2017 Annual Driver Education Instructor Training

This is a two day conference located at the Riverside Inn, Boise Idaho

Session 1: May 8th and 9th

Session 2: May 10th and 11th

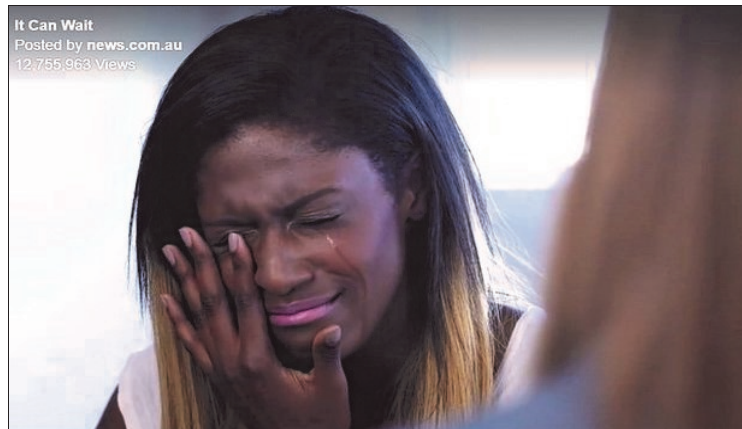
Plan ahead and check your calendar to see what session will work best for you.

Registration Coming Soon!



**National Teen Driver Safety Week
October 16-22, 2016**

Mark your calendars for National Teen Driver Safety Week October 16-22, 2016. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15- to 19- year olds in the United States. In fact, in 2014 there were 2,679 teen (15 to 19) passenger vehicle drivers involved in fatal crashes and an estimated 123,000 teens were injured. Parents need to take the time to talk with their kids about the many dangers of driving. Those dangers include alcohol, lack of seat belt use, distracted driving, speeding, and extra passengers. These dangers are covered in the "5 to Drive" rules of the road. Free safety material can help start the conversation with teen drivers about the rules of the road. Even if you think they don't hear you, they do. Use the "5 to Drive" - Set the Rules Before They Hit the Road. [Read more here.](#)



It's a video the Police Department hopes parents will watch with their teenagers, who statistically have a much higher chance of dying in a car crash than other demographic groups. The video shows a bunch of teens candidly discussing why they text and drive, with explanations ranging from boredom to a desire to not miss out on "something exciting." Then, a crash victim enters the room to share her story with the teens. She was 21 years old, driving home from her college graduation with her parents, when a distracted driver using a cellphone blew a red light. An 18-wheeler swerved to avoid a collision and ended up striking the vehicle carrying the woman and her family. Read more [here.](#)

[New Driver Education instructor Course starts October 31, 2016!](#)

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