



New Year, New Driver?



While many people get their driver's license in their teen years, some adults wait to learn how to drive later in life. Their parents may decide they are not yet mature enough for the responsibility of driving a vehicle, they may simply choose to use available and accessible alternative transportation options, or they may feel anxiety around driving that causes them to put off learning how to drive.

You can aid your employees by knowing what driver education programs are available in your area and providing incentives for them or their children to complete a course. You can also provide them with information about alternative transportation options in your community.

Recent research indicates that teenagers are choosing to wait until they become adults to learn to drive. So, there will be more novice drivers on the road in the near future. This is a cultural change that requires a comprehensive driver's education program for this population to help it drive safely and responsibly.

A comprehensive driver's education program includes the teaching of safe driving habits and decision-making skills. It should also include, in addition to fundamental skills and practice, defensive driving techniques and evaluation and feedback on the students' progress.

Teens taking driver education courses are less likely to be involved in crashes or receive tickets during their first two years of driving. Find out how your instruction can help make teens safer drivers.



#TeachDriversEd



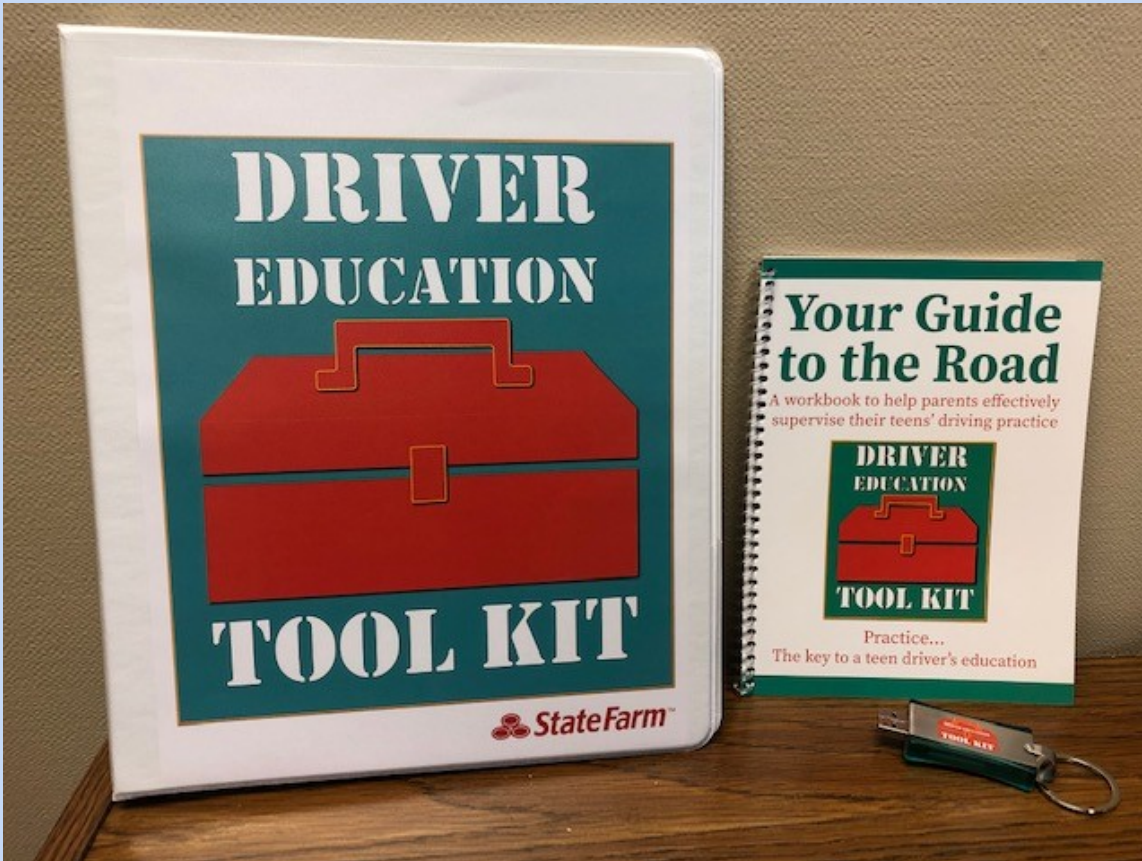
Once a new driver obtains his or her driver's license, he or she will need training in areas that we usually learn from our parents or friends or in THE HARD way.

Those areas include:

1. How to change a tire
2. How to check the fluid levels
3. How to check tire pressure and fill it with air
4. How to connect your phone to the vehicle
5. What to do when you drive off the road
6. What to do if your accelerator sticks

7. What to do if you breakdown or get stuck
8. Where to find reliable safe driving information
9. When to fill up your vehicle with gas
10. What to do if you get pulled over by the police

All new drivers will face these situations. Driver's education equips them to pass the driver's license test. However, the real test is on the road in real situations. It is best to learn this before you must struggle when an emergency situation arises.



The Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office offers a free driver education toolkit for driver's education at meetings or presentations at organizations and local community groups.

The toolkit includes:

Binder & PowerPoint Presentation

- KS Graduated Driver's License
- Stages of licensing
- Restrictions
- Distractions

Resource Materials

Kansas Laws regarding occupant protection, DUI, Distracted Driving, and GDL
Kansas Curricular Standards for Driver Education

Standard 1: Introduction to Novice Drivers

- Benchmark 2: The student will be introduced to the licensing requirements of Kansas
- Will be exposed to the different Kansas licenses available

Your Guide to the Road

A workbook to help parents effectively supervise their teens' driving practice. 8 section that include:

- The Basics
- Parking Lots
- Residential Roads
- Intermediate Roads
- Commercial Roads
- Highways
- Country Roads
- Additional Challenges

Also included is a Teen Driving Experience Log to record all practice hours.

[**Click Here To Order a FREE Driver Education Toolkit**](#)

Traffic Safety Minute Resources for Staff Meetings

How safely your employees drive during the winter can affect your workplace whether they drive a company car or another vehicle.

If they drive a company car, they are representing the company, and if they drive another vehicle, a crash can result in injury or death.

This could affect production and consequently be detrimental to the company's bottom line.

According to the 2021 KDOT Facts Book, there were 3,048 traffic crashes which resulted in 4 fatalities in which snow and ice were involved. This means that a snow-ice involved crash occurred approximately every 3 hours.

[**View the KDOT 2021 Facts Book**](#)

WINTER EMERGENCY CAR KIT

Consider keeping these items in your vehicle in case of emergency this winter:

- Full tank of fuel
- Jumper cables
- Tow rope
- Cell phone charger
- First aid kit
- Bag of kitty litter or sand
- Shovel and ice scraper/snow brush
- Flashlight
- Extra gloves/hats/warm clothes
- Blankets
- Bottled water and non-perishable snacks

Know before you go at www.kandrive.org.



Working Effectively with Your Trickiest Colleague: Jack Frost -- Occupational Health & Safety

Employers can promote safe driving behavior by ensuring workers recognize the hazards of winter weather driving, are properly trained for driving in winter weather conditions and are licensed for the vehicles they operate.

Winter conditions can be especially harsh on vehicles and machinery, so having an effective maintenance program in place for all company vehicles and equipment is essential. It's important that they're checked regularly to ensure parts and systems are working properly, including brakes, defrosters, windshield wipers, tires, exhaust systems, electrical systems, cooling systems and engines.

Company vehicles should also include an emergency kit with items such as a cellphone or two-way radio, windshield ice scraper, snow brush, flashlight with extra batteries, shovel, tow chain, snow chains for tires, water and blankets.

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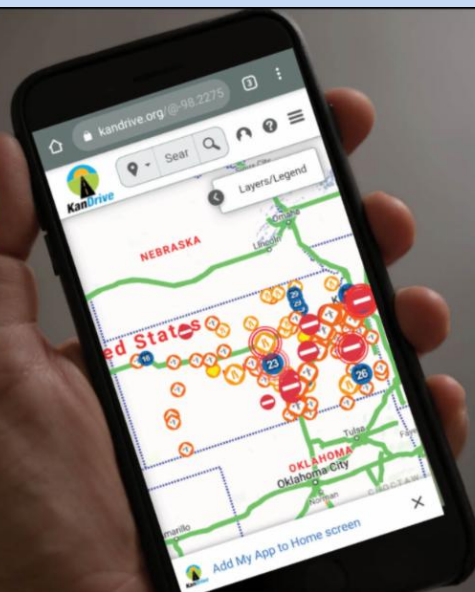
Here are some tips to discuss with your employees about driving during winter weather:

1. Buckle up! It's one of your best defenses and it's the law.
2. Be extra cautious in areas that are more prone to freeze quickly such as bridges, overpasses, intersections and shaded areas.
3. Check weather reports on TV, online at kandrive.org, or on the KanDrive app regularly so that you can prepare for bad weather. If you do not need to be on the road, consider staying at home.
4. Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle (water and blankets, a cellphone or a two-way radio, windshield ice scraper, snow chains for tires, tow chain, snow brush and flashlight with extra batteries)
5. Make sure that your car always has a full tank of gas.



KanDrive App Available

Kandrive.org works like an app and can now be found in your device's app store!



The Kansas Department of Transportation's KanDrive website is now available to download as an App on Android and iOS phones.

KanDrive provides travelers with timely details on maintenance and construction activities, winter highway conditions, flooded roadways, incidents and crashes affecting traffic.

The new app includes all account features on the KanDrive website. It offers real time, high-quality streaming of camera views across the state. The truckers' mode for commercial vehicle operators is still an option and now announces rest stop parking availability. The app also has a hands-free/eye-free feature that announces upcoming traffic events while traveling. Just tap the Tell Me sound icon in the top right corner to get announcements of upcoming events (feature requires location sharing).



Brown Co. Sheriff asks for stolen traffic signs back before an accident ensues

BROWN CO., Kan. (WIBW) - The Brown Co. Sheriff's Office has noticed an increase in stolen traffic signs, and the office is asking for those responsible to return the signs before an accident ensues. The Sheriff's Office says it has received multiple reports of speed limit signs, stop signs, country road signs, and weight limit bridge signs being stolen.

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January 10 at 12:40 PM
Traffic Tip Tuesday: Improper turns are often the cause of crashes at intersections. Wichita City Ordinance Statute 8-1545 require a driver to turn into the turn wide. Drive safely, Wichita.
#WPDMotors #wpdtraffic #TrafficTipTuesday

January 13 at 12:59 PM
Traffic Tip of the Day: While it is certainly courteous driving for the blue car to move over if able to do so safely, the red car is the one required to adjust to traffic and merge when able.
#traffictip #wpdtraffic

Who is Right?

HEADLIGHTS REQUIRED
REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR HEADLIGHTS TURNED ON IN THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
From sunset to sunrise
Conditions, such as fog, when vehicles are not discernible at a distance of 1,000 feet
Wind wipers are in continuous use as a result of rain, sleet or snow
At all times on motorcycles

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WPD's Traffic Tip Tuesday going viral in effort to reduce number of crashes in Wichita

WICHITA, Kan. (KWCH) - The Wichita Police Department is going viral with its "Traffic Tip Tuesday" posts. The goal is to reduce the number of crashes in the community. Sgt. Brian Mock enjoys educating drivers on traffic laws. Along with teaching the Wichita Citizens Police Academy, each week, he shares information about common traffic infractions on the police department's social media pages.

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Kansas driver's license practice exam: How well do you know the rules of the road?

Do you remember Kansas regulations on passing vehicles, parking uphill or navigating flooded roadways? Brush up on your driver's license exam knowledge with this Wichita Eagle quiz, with questions from the Kansas Non-Commercial Driver's Handbook. Kansas offers an online driver's license exam in English and Spanish.

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2023 Kansas Traffic Deaths

27 **EVEN**
Compared to 1/1/22 - 2/1/22
Preliminary data as of 1/31/23



We Help Employers Save Money and Lives!

The Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office offers you FREE traffic safety brochures, posters, flyers, and giveaway items.

PLUS, our website gives you information on traffic safety topics like teen drivers, distracted driving, drunk driving, motorcycle safety, and more!



Hosting a Health and Safety Fair? We'd love to be involved!

Did you know we can bring FREE safe driving programs directly to your community organization or workplace?

From car seats to how getting older affects your driving, we provide help and advice for on how to stay safe on the roads.

[Visit Our Website - ktsro.org](http://ktsro.org)



Transportation Safety Conference

This conference provides valuable information for law enforcement personnel, court professionals, state and local government officials, engineers, safety advocates, EMT and EMS workers, educators and counselors, special interest group representatives and more. Keynote and breakout sessions cover injury control, law enforcement, youth issues*, roadway safety, medical marijuana and public safety, older driver issues, children in vehicles, and more.

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Better KC Materials**

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Traffic Safety On The Job

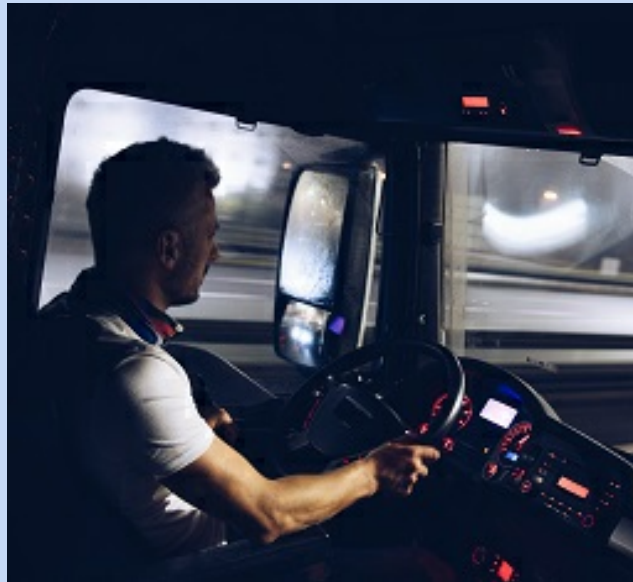


**Kudos to
Miss Kansas
2022
Ayanna Hensley
for being parked
and buckled up
while streaming
to social media!**

**If driving is part of your job, it's your responsibility to make
safety a priority to protect yourself and those around you.**

To be featured in our newsletter, send your social media post to pmiddleton@dcca.org or tag [@DriveSafeKansas](https://www.instagram.com/DriveSafeKansas) when posting it on social media.

Driver Safety Programs



Employer-Based Driver Safety Programs

The TRB Behavioral Traffic Safety Cooperative Research Program's BTSCRIP WebResource 1: Employer-Based Driver Safety Programs is based on an assessment of what elements in employer-based traffic safety programs and other behavior change programs are likely to change driver behavior and workplace safety culture.

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Online Defensive Driving Courses - National Safety Council

NSC Defensive Driving Online Courses deliver the most relevant, leading-edge content to motivate and educate employees to be safe, responsible drivers. You can trust NSC to best train drivers to avoid collisions, crashes, injuries or worse.

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What can KTSRO do for you?



If you're looking for traffic safety education ideas, materials, presentations, etc., contact us at ktsro@dcca.org!

Call 800-416-2522 for more information and resources!



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