

## Home Study Driving Course Helps Parents and Teens Enjoy This New Rite of Passage

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While teenagers look forward to getting their driver's licenses, their parents often face this juncture of their children's lives with fear and trepidation. Car accidents are a leading cause of severe injuries and death among teenagers all across the U.S. Recently retired, Master Police Officer James Poer who has investigated car accidents, hundreds involving teenage drivers, for 30 years says "Education and experience are the leading causes for teen driver accidents. Teens are not getting enough of either before driving unsupervised."

Poer who now works with StreetSafe, a nonprofit teen driving program based out of Wilmington, NC has cowritten the Safe Teen Driver Guide with a certified driving school instructor and members of the Society of Family Insurance Specialists (SFIS) which is a national organization of insurance agents that are committed to helping families protect themselves through education and insurance protection. The guide provides a step by step outline of driving skills and practice exercises that parents can use to teach their teen to drive.

Tom Wiecek, president of the SFIS believes that this guide can give teen drivers the education and experience that driving schools can't. "In most states, driving schools only provide four to six hours of supervised driving experience," says Wiecek. "This leaves the responsibility of making teens safer drivers with their parents."

Driver education experts recommend that teens get at least 100 hours of experience before driving unsupervised. Since driving schools cannot provide this much needed experience, parents can use the Safe Teen Driver Guide to make their driving experience most effective. "Parents need to take the responsibility to provide their teens with more driving experience," said Officer Poer. "This new home study Safe Teen Driver Guide gives parents a tool that can help their teen learn the most common driving skills while being supervised. Plus, it makes this exciting period in a child's life more enjoyable for the entire family."

For a limited time this guide which is valued at \$59 is now available at no cost to parents simply by completing a brief on-line survey. The SFIS is interested in the concerns of parents of teen drivers and is conducting a marketing survey offering the guide and a chance to win a \$500 college savings bond as a reward for completing the survey.

Parents can enter the drawing for the savings bond and get a copy of the Safe Teen Driver Guide by visiting <u>TeenDriverInsurance.com</u>. You can learn more about the Safe Teen Driver Guide by visiting <u>SafeTeenDriverCourse.com</u>.

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