

# Rule The Road

## TEEN DRIVING EVENT

### Saturday, October 8, 2011



**Reid Hospital**  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

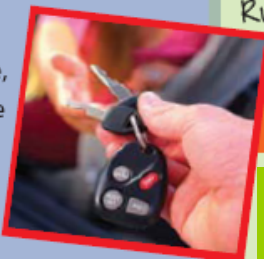
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## WHAT IT IS

You're finally in the driver's seat. Getting your license is an important milestone, but are you really ready to take to the road? Safe driving skills are learned over time, and the more practice you get, the better driver you'll become.

Specifically targeted towards teens 15 - 18 who are about to, or have recently received their driver's license, *Rule the Road* gives teens the unique opportunity to learn the skills they need to keep them safe behind the wheel.

This day long event will allow young drivers to get valuable hands on driving experience with certified emergency vehicle operators.



## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

*Rule the Road* concentrates on teaching you four key driving skills that safety experts believe are significant in preventing roadway crashes, injuries, and fatalities:

-  Hazard Recognition
-  Vehicle Handling
-  Space Management
-  Speed Management

## COOL ON-SITE ACTIVITIES

In addition to practicing driving skills on a closed course with certified instructors, this event will include food, games, giveaways, music, interactive stations featuring a Fatal Vision course, the Quick Click Seat Belt Challenge, and the Seat Belt Convincer.

*Rule the Road* is also an excellent opportunity to get involved in your community, and meet new people.

## HOW TO REGISTER

Contact Donnie Benedict by email at [dbenedict@richmondindiana.gov](mailto:dbenedict@richmondindiana.gov) or by phone (765) 983-7314. While there is cost to attend,

*Rule the Road* events, registration will be limited to the first 100 participants.

**DEADLINE: September 27, 2011**

## THE FACTS...About Teen Drivers

Nearly 4 million new teen drivers are licensed each year. Half of them will be involved in a crash before they turn 20.

- ▶ A 16-year-old driver is 10 times more likely to be involved in a crash than an adult.
- ▶ Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15 to 20 year olds.
- ▶ As a group, teenagers are more likely to speed, run red lights, make illegal turns, ride with an intoxicated driver and not wear seat belts.
- ▶ Teens also are more likely to be distracted by music, cell phones and talking with other teen passengers – and the consequences of being distracted may be harder for a novice driver to deal with.

## DRIVING SAFETY

Driving a motor vehicle safely and responsibly requires physical skills, maturity and judgement behaviors that are best acquired over time.

Most parents and safety experts recognize that the sensible way for teens to learn good driving habits is to lead them into those habits gradually.

Many states have Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) laws that restrict driving at various times of day and during risky circumstances until new teen drivers can prove their ability to drive responsibly and skillfully.

Good driving, however, requires more than just a phased-in licensing period – the proper skills and attitudes need to be taught and learned.

Today in the United States, most novice drivers receive little instruction beyond practice driving with a parent riding in the passenger seat.

Even when driver's education is available in high schools – increasingly not the case in most communities – emphasis is placed on passing the state-licensing exam, not teaching the skills and attitudes that will make teens competent and safe drivers.



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