

Report Shows Parents Are Setting Wrong Example by Texting While Driving

Global Youth Traffic Safety Month in May is Time to Focus Attention on Leading Killer of Teens – Car Crashes

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SUMMARY

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A recent Driving-Tests.org survey of 2,000 teens preparing for their driving tests showed that 62.9 percent of teens report that their parents are texting while driving with them in the car. This is setting a potentially fatal example of driving behavior as 82 percent of responding teens report they learn how to drive by observing their parents' driving habits and 65.4 percent of responding teens report that texting and driving is the worst habit facing teen drivers today. The findings reinforce not only the need for parents to set a positive example and put their phone down while they drive, but to also understand the tremendous positive and negative impact their driving habits can have on their teen. Parents can place their phone in a glove box before driving, or place their phone on silent and out of reach in the car to set a positive example for their teen.

May is one of the deadliest months for teen drivers. Memorial Day kicks off the 100 deadliest days for teens as they head from prom into graduation season and drive more miles through the summer with additional passengers on roads they may be unfamiliar with on their way to recreational activities. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, an average of 1,000 people are killed in crashes involving teen drivers and more than half of those killed are teens according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Global Youth Traffic Safety Month (GYTSM) in May is an important time to raise awareness of motor vehicle crashes as the leading cause of death for 14-18 year olds in the United States. GYTSM, which began as National Youth Traffic Safety Month, was expanded to support the United Nations' 2007 Global Road Safety Week, because teen driving crashes are a worldwide safety problem, requiring global solutions. In 2013, 2,614 teen drivers were involved in fatal crashes and an estimated 130,000 more were injured, according to NHTSA. In addition, NHTSA reports that nearly 40 percent of new drivers fail their written exams the first time they take them.

"We want to help teens become safer drivers and help parents understand their role in the process"

said Andrei Zakhareuski, Founder of Driving-Tests.org. “We are passionate about the need for and the importance of high quality online driver education to help lower the number of teen driver related crashes, injuries and fatalities.”

Driving-Tests.org fills a need concerning new driver safety education behind the wheel. In an effort to help new drivers become safer drivers on the road and pass their tests, the site offers free online practice permit tests created by experts based on each state’s driving manual. The site has had more than 12 million unique users since 2010. Site users are not required to create an account, provide any personal information or login for the service. In addition to real-time educational feedback on questions answered, the site also features valuable information for teens and resources for parents to help their teen drivers become safe drivers.

To view the full survey methodology and results please [click here](#) or contact Cathy Gillen for interviews at cathy@thegillengroup.com or (443) 463-4449. Visit Driving-Tests.org on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/drivingtests/> and follow on Twitter [@driving_tests](https://twitter.com/driving_tests).



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ABOUT DRIVING-TESTS.ORG

Location: Headquarters in Hamilton, ON, Canada. Remote team located around the world.

- Driving-Tests.org is online learning software, a highly realistic simulation of the DMV written test
 - Based on the 2015 Driver's handbook
 - Learner drivers who use our practice tests are twice as likely to pass their DMV exam
 - Automatic upgrades (we make sure the questions are always up to date)
 - 4.5+ Million total unique users since 2010
 - Permit practice tests for all US states
 - 500K monthly visitors / 16.7K daily visitors
 - Featured in The Wall Street Journal, The Examiner, Daily News, NY Metro Parents
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