

The OHS Graduated Driver Licensing Parent Orientation Program



What Parents Need to Know as Their Teens Start to Drive

This 1hr, 15 min. evening program is for parents of teenagers going through driver education. It includes information on:

- ✓ **Delaware's Graduated Driver Licensing Law (including the latest information on upgrades to the law)**
- ✓ **The parents' role and their responsibilities**
- ✓ **Insurance liability for you when your teen is in a crash**
- ✓ **The long and short term impacts of injuries resulting from a crash**
- ✓ **A local look at the tragic consequences of risky driving behavior**

The GDL Parent Orientation Program consists of four powerpoint presentations, videotaped interviews with a parent and sibling of two young people killed in teen driving crashes, and a memorial tribute to the teen victims of motor vehicle crashes (made possible thanks to support from the victims families).

This program is available free to the public and is currently operating in several public and private schools throughout Delaware. Participating schools make attending this program a mandatory assignment of the driver education class. Since the program is geared toward parents, attendance by both the teen driver and at least one parent is required. Plans are underway to open this program up to parents and students who attend schools that are not currently participating. Contact your child's driver education teacher to find out if they are involved in the program.

The GDL Parent Orientation Program is coordinated by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety with support from the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension, the Delaware State Police, the Division of Motor Vehicles, Think First Delaware, and State Farm Insurance.

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