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## Driver Education

Driver education teaches your teen the rules of driving. Driver education teaches your teen about safe driving, even in bad weather and on bad roads.

If your child takes Driver Education:

- He can pay less money for car insurance
- He can be a safe and careful driver
- He won't feel so nervous on the roads
- The driver education teacher can show him how to be a good driver.

### Where do you go to for Driver Education?

- Go to your child's high school or local DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles). Ask about how your child can sign up for driver education.
- There are also driver education courses in the yellow pages. Remember, if you take one of these courses you must pay for it.



### What problems will my child have when taking Driver Education?

- Your child cannot hear the instructor all the time.
- He will not understand what the instructor is saying all the time.
- Your child cannot watch the instructor's face and watch the road at the same time.

### Remember these things when your child takes Driver Education:

- Your child must get lessons that he can understand.
- He must communicate easily with the teacher so that he can understand driver education.
- Your child can go to a driver education course that has a signing instructor.

- You can ask your school or DMV to provide an interpreter for the course.

### **What can I do to help my deaf child learn to drive?**

- Driving is an important responsibility. If your teen has an FM system or other aids, make sure he uses them for the lesson.
- You, your child, and your child's instructor must sit down together and make up hand signs that stand for "right", "left", "stop", "go", and "slow down".
- The instructor can move closer to the front and reach his hands out near the front glass. This will let your child see the instructor's signal while driving on the road at the same time.
- The instructor will have special brakes on the passenger side for him to stop the car.
- Maybe your child can listen to you without looking at your face. It is still safe to come up with a hand signal anyway.

### **Learn more on the Internet**

- Go to [www.departmentofmotorvehicles.com](http://www.departmentofmotorvehicles.com) to learn more about driver education. This is not a government website. It is a free guide about DMVs in different States.
- [www.dmv.org](http://www.dmv.org) also has information about your local DMV and Driver education classes. This is also not a government site.
- Go to [www.heightsdriving.com/deaf.htm](http://www.heightsdriving.com/deaf.htm). This page has nice pictures on how to make hand signals for when your deaf teen is learning to drive.
- Read [Effective Communication When Teaching The Deaf To Drive](http://www.heightsdriving.com/ecwd.htm) (<http://www.heightsdriving.com/ecwd.htm>) for good information about deaf drivers.

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*You can find this page online at:*

<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/growingup/teen/driving/education.jsp>