

TEEN SAFE DRIVING RESOURCES

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- **Alice Aycock Poe Center for Health Education - Think First...React Second!** Youth live in a world of choices. Program introduces the risks and consequences associated with decisions made by youth. www.poehealth.org/programs
- **Alive at 25 - various resources - www.aliveat25.com** - for sample schoolwide program and assembly, contact Wakefield High School.
- **All State Insurance Company** provides parent/student contract. www.ALLstate.com/community
- **Blackwater USA Driving Clinic** - highway safety courses allow participants to receive on-track training from behind the wheel. Designed to enhance Driver Education Programs. www.blackwaterusa.com/training/courses
- **Booze It and Lose It** - Wake County Sheriff's STOP Team. Presentation on drinking and driving, on site visitation by team. www.ncdistrictattorney.org/dwi/index.htm
- **Five Star Commitment** - Mission is to save lives on our highways by changing the driving behavior of motorists. Drivers are asked to commit to five basic safe driving principles. www.fivestarcovenant.com
- **Keys to Life Program** - NC Alcohol and Law Enforcement - www.ncale.org
- **MADD School Outreach Program** - Take Two Multimedia Show and Buzz Free Promise - www.schoolassembly.org - Call: **1-800 GET MADD**
- **Operation Drive to Live** - NC Office of the Governor, Department of Crime Control and Public Safety - www.nccrimecontrol.org/shp
- **R U Buckled High School Parking Agreement** - www.ncdot.org
- **SADD...Students Against Destructive Decisions** - www.SADD.org
- **Safe Teens Think First** - a safe driving education curriculum - in Raleigh, call NC SAFETeens, Inc. at 919-571-8494 - www.safeteenthinkfirst.org
- **TEENFEST, Collective Voices for Safe and Drug-Free Communities** - for information on the program, contact **Donna Maria Harris, 919-872-2854**.
- **VIP for a VIP (Vehicle Injury Prevention)** - a program that brings the sounds, sights, and smells of a fatal accident to high school students in a dramatic way. Contact **Steve Zimmerman** at 336-508-3782 or steve@vipforavip.com

TEEN DRIVING STATISTICS

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UNITED STATES *(The Center for Disease Control)*

- Teen drivers ages 16 to 19 are 4 times more likely than older drivers to crash.
- In 2003, 54% of teen deaths from motor vehicle crashes occurred on weekends and 42% of these crashes occurred between 9 pm and 6 am.
- Drunk driving accounts for 1/2 of all fatal teenage motor vehicle crashes.
- 40% of Americans will be involved in an alcohol related crash at some time in their lives.
- 1.2 million people are injured in alcohol related motor vehicle crashes each year. That's one person every 26 seconds.
- Approximately 8000 crashes related to distracted driving occur daily in the US... that's 3 million accidents per year. Distractions include: eating, adjusting the controls, passengers, smoking, cell phone usage, looking at scenery or signs, construction, and having an insect in the car.
- Every 12 minutes someone dies in a vehicle crash, every 10 seconds an injury occurs, and every 5 seconds a crash occurs.
- Between 1995 and 2004, drivers between the ages of 15 and 17 were involved in 26,453 fatal crashes that killed 30,917 people nationwide.
- At all levels of alcohol consumption, the risk of involvement in a vehicle accident is greater for teens. In 2008, 25% of drivers ages 15-20 who died in a crash had a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher.

NORTH CAROLINA *(Operation Drive to Live)*

- Traffic collisions remain the leading cause of teenage deaths in NC. Speed is the dominating factor.
- In 2006, one out of four 16-year-old drivers was involved in a car crash.
- In 2005, 174 teenage drivers were killed on NC highways.
- In 2004, NC ranked 5th in the nation in teen deaths when compared to other states.
- Between 2007 and 2011, 560 teens were killed in car crashes in NC.

WAKE COUNTY (1995 - 2007)

- More than 2/3 of all accidental deaths of WCPSS students were traffic related.
- 44% of all traffic accidents causing at least one death involved teenage drivers.
- More than 1/2 of the fatal accidents that happened when teens were driving happened because of unsafe driving behavior.