

before the wheel™

communities supporting safe driving for families & teens

Spring/Summer 2009, Wisconsin



Always plan ahead for cell phone calls with your car at a full stop parked at a safe location.

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Are you ready for the 11:00 p.m. call?

Mom, Dad, Things are not going as planned. Can you help me out?

Your teenager left at 7:45 p.m. as the only passenger with his best friend to go to a nearby party. The plan was for the boys to go to the party and be

home at 11:00 p.m. Unfortunately, the driver that you and your son trusted did not make good choices and drank a beer at the party.

There must be a contingency plan in place "before your teen enters the

vehicle at 7:45 p.m."

Plans change frequently with teenagers. It is important for parents and older siblings to be available and easy to reach by

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Deena Liska, motor vehicle safety educator

Cruise Control, a program of Children's Health Education Center, provides high schools with the opportunity to receive a grant of \$500 for completing a teen driving safety project.

Projects that will be given special priority include: increasing seat belt use for teen drivers and passengers, reducing distractions, improving driver response to common hazards by using Driving Skills for Life materials, reducing high risk behaviors including speeding and alcohol use, and creating community partnerships that address teen motor vehicle safety.

The requirements for the project are:

- ☞ Open to public and private schools.
- ☞ The team must include one designated student leader with 4 to 19 additional students participating.
- ☞ An adult advisor.
- ☞ Projects must be completed by Monday, June 1, 2009.

This project is funded by grants from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Ford Motor Company with additional funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the cooperation of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Children's Health Education Center is a member of Children's Hospital and Health System.

Contact Deena Liska, Children's Health Education Center, at 414.390.2182, dliska@chw.org or go to: www.bluekids.org/cruisecontrol.



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cell phone if your teen needs an unexpected ride. Sit down with your teen and discuss possible scenarios that may happen and how he or she will handle the situation. As a passenger, your teen has the right to make other arrangements. Below is a short checklist of possible situations that your teenager will want to avoid:

- ☞ The driver has accepted several other passengers
- ☞ The driver has had one or more glasses of alcohol
- ☞ The driver has shown careless, distracted, or risky behaviors
- ☞ The driver is not wearing a seat belt and is not requiring passengers to wear a seat belt
- ☞ The weather has changed dramatically and is no longer safe for an inexperienced driver

*Multiple teens in a vehicle between 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. on a Saturday evening is a very high risk situation. The potential for numerous distractions, speeding, and thrill seeking increases with each additional teen that enters the car.

Contact your insurance agent to request safe teen driving information or order a safe teen driving video; go to www.iihs.org, click videos, *Young Drivers: the High Risk Years*, \$35.00 for online credit card purchase, usually ships within 3 days.



new residents **WELCOME** to the area

Greeting Services would like to welcome residents new to the community.



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defensive driving classes for teens offered at WCTC

Teens definitely learn how to “pay attention” in this fast paced hands-on program. This program prepares teens to handle multiple situations and provides the teen with the technical skills to overcome difficult situations.

The teen spends over 6 hours of the 8 hour class behind the wheel learning evasive maneuvers, skid control techniques, braking methods, steering, and basic concepts of vehicle dynamics and operations.

New Berlin students taking the class receive a \$45 voucher from the Emily Brooks Foundation.

2009 Classes that are currently open for more students are on the following dates:

June 29	Monday
July 11	Saturday
July 25	Saturday
August 5	Wednesday
August 8	Saturday

Registration is a two step process. Go to www.wctc.edu/cj_training. Register on a date that still has availability, after registration, go to www.waukesha.org, click Defensive Driving Partnership with WCTC and click on the date you registered for and make payment.

need a 6 month skill refresher for your teen?

North Shore Driving School offers continued skill development for licensed teens who would like to work on specific skill and technical development. \$40 per hour for students who received drivers education from North Shore and \$65 per hour for general participants. 5 hour packages are also available. Go to www.northshoredrivingschool-wi.com.



BRAD SCHIMEL: *Waukesha County District Attorney & PARC are teaming up*

Waukesha County District Attorney, Brad Schimel, is dedicated to helping parents and teens plan ahead for a safe evening.

Brad encourages parents to plan ahead by networking with other parents to communicate the details when a teen is attending a party or special event.

Brad encourages parents to:

- ☞ Communicate with the parents of the teens with whom your teen is spending time. If your teen's school offers a parent to parent directory of telephone numbers, use it to find contact information for other parents. Let the other parents know your expectations and clarify the details of the evening with them directly. If you are not comfortable, then either take charge yourself or cancel the plans. That is your right as a parent!
- ☞ Support your teen in making good decisions by helping them to know and understand the GDL, Graduated Driver License. New drivers with a probationary license need to follow the rules which include only allowing one other teen in the car and not driving between 12:00 am and 5:00am. These rules will help them avoid the most dangerous situations for new drivers. They can then focus on learning to be a safe driver.

☞ Very small amounts of alcohol affect a new teen driver's ability to drive. Many driving tragedies involving teens happen when a driver is well below 0.08. Do not allow your teen to drive even with a small amount of alcohol, or accept a ride with another teen whom has had even one drink at a party.

☞ Discuss these issues with your teen ahead of time. Consider entering into a Parent and Teen Contract with your teen to give them a plan if they find themselves in a dangerous situation.

Brad is president of PARC, Preventing Alcohol Related Crashes. Parc sponsors an annual program called: Drive Safe-Drive Sober. The teens participating in the event have the opportunity to see the consequences of drinking and driving by witnessing a staged motor vehicle crash, experiencing a trip to the trauma unit at Waukesha Memorial Hospital, a courtroom session and more. Contact Sue Sevenz at 262-548-7341 to find out more about this program and programs offered by PARC.

For *tips for parents* go to: www.parctaskforce.org

what is before the wheel™?



Anne Scallon,
publisher & editor

Before The Wheel™ is a program that provides easy access to cohesive information about safe teen driving. This information provides parents and teens with the

resources they need to plan for multiple scenarios and make important driving decisions **before** the teen gets **Behind The Wheel**.

The program also equips educators, community leaders, and business leaders with the information on the resources, presentations, special events, and programs that are available in our communities, and provides links to the resources that can be ordered from the internet. Community leaders and educators have an opportunity and responsibility to create and nurture a *safety culture* that supports the behaviors that the parents and teens are working on.

The **Before The Wheel™** Fall/Winter newsletter and website will be published in September of 2009 and will provide advice from insurance and safety experts, information on upcoming community programs and presentations at high schools, and resources that are available on the internet.

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web links

☞ Before The Wheel Links to additional information:
www.beforethewheel.com

☞ Children's Health Education Center:
www.bluekids.org/cruisecontrol

☞ Defensive Driving for Teens:
www.waukesha.org

☞ Defensive Driving for Adults:
www.wisafetycouncil.org

Go to Training, Customized Training Services, Driver Improvement and Fleet Safety, WSC Driver Improvement Course Topics, Click here for Open Enrollment on DDC

☞ DVD for parents of young drivers and explanation of Graduated Driver License for every state
www.iihs.org
(Insurance Institute of Highway Safety)

☞ Graduated Driver License and safety information for Wisconsin Drivers:
www.dot.wisconsin.gov/safety

☞ National Safety Council:
www.nsc.org

☞ Preventing Alcohol Related Crashes:
www.parctaskforce.org

☞ Traffic and weather information:
www.traffic.com