

DriveSafeRideSafe

Driver Education

Classroom Video Series



These videos contain valuable information from Veteran Crash Investigator and Driving Safety Expert Mike Pehl. They correlate with the topics in all ten chapters of our DriveSafeRideSafe Parent Taught Driver Education Course.

Chapter 1 - The Basics

Video #1: Welcome to Driver's Ed

Veteran Crash Investigator & Driver Training Expert Mike Pehl welcomes you to Driver's Ed and explains why teaching teens to become smarter, safer drivers is his passion.

Video #2: Introduction to Chapter 1

Mike talks about the importance of taking a driver education course seriously. He asks this question: What's so boring about trying to save your life?

Video #3: Stacy and Suzie

Mike tells a story about two very different Behind-the-Wheel lessons. This true story helps explain the value of watching our "Roadworthy" DVD and following his proven training methods.

Video #4: License Classifications

Mike gives an overview of what the license classifications mean for you as a driver.

Video #5: Losing Your License

Mike explains four legal categories to lose your driving privileges.

Video #6: Parking

Mike gives an overview of basic parking rules & regulations, plus tips for parking uphill.

Video #7: Smart Habits in Parking Lots

Mike shares safety tips for avoiding the hazards in parking lots, whether you're a pedestrian or a driver trying to enter or exit a parking space.

Video #8: Speed Limits

Mike introduces the different speed limit laws & explains what they mean.

Video #9: Speed & Field of Vision

Mike talks about how increased velocity affects your frontal & peripheral vision.

Video #10: Force of Impact

Mike explains what force of impact means in terms of vehicle speed and car crashes.

Chapter 2 - Responsible Choices

Video #1: Introduction to Chapter 2

Mike expects his students to be smart enough to NEVER drink & drive, but he also emphasizes there are many impaired drivers on the roads around us, day & night.

Video #2: The Boys Who Played Mailbox Golf

Mike tells a powerful story of how alcohol at a party influenced a series of very poor choices & ultimately resulted in tragedy for more than one young person.

Video #3: Drugs, Drinking & Driving

Mike explains the definition of BAC & the consequences of driving under the influence.

Video #4: Open Bottle

Mike describes some of the quirks in how the law defines an open bottle violation.

Video #5: Underage Drinking

Mike explains zero tolerance rules & the legal consequences of underage drinking.

Video #6: Go Backwards

This video clip will be helpful when you watch the "First Time in Gear" segment in our Roadworthy DVD. Mike explains how backing up a vehicle helps new drivers build awareness of the four corners of their car.

Chapter 3 - Signs & Signals

Video #1: Introduction to Chapter 3

Mike explains how paying attention to signs is a life-saving skill for drivers & riders.

Video #2: The Day Mike Got His License

Mike describes how his dad put the fear of crashing in him & the flaw of that approach.

Video #3: Pennant Sign

Mike stresses how important it is to recognize the shape of the No Passing Zone sign.

Video #4: Pennant Sign

Mike describes the unique shape of this sign & emphasizes the value of patience.

Video #5: Traffic Signals

Mike explains how traffic signals are still changing & can be confusing to new drivers.

Video #6: Yield Signs

Mike defines what it means to have the right of way & what it means to yield.

Video #7: Signs & Signals

Mike explains how to distinguish between warning, regulatory & informational signs. He emphasizes the importance of reading signs as a driver & as a rider.

Chapter 4 - Interacting with Traffic

Video #1: Introduction to Chapter 4

Mike gives an overview of what you'll be learning in this chapter & how you can learn to interact safely with pedestrians, other cars, bicycles, motorcycles, trucks & emergency vehicles.

Video #2: School Buses

Mike explains the rules for driving near a school bus & the steep consequences for NOT obeying these laws.

Video #3: Emergency Vehicles

Mike describes how to maneuver your car when an emergency vehicle is approaching.

Video #4: Flashing Red Lights

Mike describes the risks for drivers at intersections with flashing red or yellow lights.

Video #5: Railroad Signs

Mike describes the unique warning signs & lights at railroad crossings.

Video #6: Trucks

Mike explains why trucks are big, bad & dangerous. He also teaches how to identify & maneuver safely around the many large vehicles on the road.

Video #7: Bicycles & Motorcycles

Mike emphasizes the importance of driving defensively around bicycles & motorcyclists. He also shares several reasons why this is personally important to him.

Video #8: Pedestrians & Crosswalks

Mike explains how drivers need to visualize unmarked crosswalks at intersections & how to avoid potentially dangerous situations with defensive driving foresight.

Video #9: Night Driving

Mike describes the risks of night driving & what it means to overdrive your headlights.

Video #10: A True Story about GDL & Defensive Driving

Mike shares the tragic story of a 16 year old girl who broke several driving laws in an attempt to help some friends. Unfortunately, her Good Samaritan act turned deadly. After watching this video, discuss the Graduated Driver Licensing rules of your state.

Chapter 5 - Distances & Signs

Video #1: Introduction to Chapter 5

Mike gives an overview & encouragement at this halfway point in the course.

Video #2: Train Yard Story

Mike shares a personal story from his childhood about the danger around trains.

Video #3: Stop Sign Smarts

Mike describes how thinking in advance at stop signs can keep you safe on the road.

Video #4: Crash Tests

Mike narrates over scenes from a crash test facility & explains how our cars are designed to crash. The information he shares is vital for anyone who drives more than 38 miles per hour, or who might purchase a new or used vehicle someday.

Chapter 6 - Driving Environments

Video #1: Introduction to Chapter 6

Mike previews this chapter with comments about the complex skills of freeway merging & the two mistakes that cause the most common type of car crash.

Video #2: Rear End Collisions & the Rocky Dance

Mike explains how great defensive drivers always leave themselves an exit.

Video #3: Following Distance

Mike teaches how to calculate a safe following distance & how changing behaviors on the highway have increased certain kinds of crashes.

Video #4: Stopping Distance

Mike describes different road conditions that affect how quickly your car can stop.

Video #5: Quick Tips about Freeway Driving

Mike shares great advice for avoiding trouble on the highway.

Video #6: Merging on the Freeway

Mike explains there's more than one way to find your gap when entering the freeway.

Video #7: One Way

Mike talks about practicing on one way streets & how to react to potential mistakes.

Video #8: Emergencies on the Freeway

Mike explains what to do if you run out of gas or blow a tire on the highway. The right reaction & choices can prevent catastrophe for you and others on the road.

Video #9: Tailgating

Mike teaches how to handle tailgaters & why you should avoid being one yourself.

Video #10: Lane Changes

Mike describes the four steps involved in smoothly & safely changing lanes.

Video #11: Road Surfaces

Mike explains how different types of road surfaces affect your safety while driving.

Video #12: Tickets & Moving Violations

Mike warns new drivers about the real costs & consequences of speeding.

Video #13: Driveways on Country Roads

Mike describes how to be alert for danger from cars exiting driveways on country roads near no-passing zones.

Video #14: A Left Turn Situation

Mike explains how to react when a car in front of you wants to make a left turn.

Chapter 7 - Basic Maneuvers

Video #1: Introduction to Chapter 7

Mike emphasizes that green does NOT always mean go!

Video #2: The Grandma & the Delivery Truck

Mike shares a story that illustrates the dangers of left turns & how an alert defensive driver can protect others from harm.

Video #3: Mistakes by Other Drivers

Mike describes common situations where cars nearby you will make the wrong move.

Video #4: Passing

Mike shares common sense approaches to safely passing other vehicles.

Video #5: Uncontrolled Intersections

Mike explains the rules of engagement at intersections with no stop signs or lights.

Chapter 8 - Adverse & Emergency Situations

Video #1: Introduction to Chapter 8

Mike emphasizes that new drivers need lots of practice in good AND bad conditions!

Video #2: The Kid Who Hit the Police Car

Mike describes a crash he witnessed between a police car & a young driver, & how the penalties he faced can matter to you!

Video #3: Braking & Regaining Control

Mike explains the difference between anti-lock brakes & non-anti-lock brakes, as well as what to do if you're going into a skid.

Video #4: Driving Emergencies

Mike shares practical advice about handling unexpected driving emergencies like tire blowouts on the highway.

Video #5: Brake Failure

Mike discusses how common incidents of brake failure are & what defensive driving choices you can make to avoid a collision.

Video #6: Dealing with Tailgaters

Mike discusses how to handle aggressive tailgaters on the road, to protect yourself from collisions & also to prevent road rage.

Video #7: Carbon Monoxide - the Silent Killer

This short video will teach you more about the peculiar scientific properties & risks of carbon monoxide gas than most people know. Never run a car engine inside a garage space, even with the overhead door fully open.

Chapter 9 - Equipment

Video #1: Introduction to Chapter 9

Mike discusses the complexity of modern cars & how important it is for drivers to be familiar with the specific details of the vehicle they're driving.

Video #2: Automatic Headlights

Mike explains why drivers should develop the habit of turning their car's headlights on manually.

Video #3: Lights & Brakes & More

Mike explains why headlights must be properly aligned & shares tips about recognizing failed blinker lights, along with information about airbags & brakes.

Video #4: Don't Stare

Mike shares how to avoid typical novice driver mistakes when checking car mirrors.

Video #5: Horns, Tire Tread & Bumpers

Mike discusses safety features, rules & practical tips for these parts of your car.

Video #6: Windows Up, Windows Down

Mike explains the reasons for his recommendation to drive with car windows either all the way up or all the way down.

Video #7: Windshield Water Fluid

Mike shares practical advice about the importance of properly maintaining this part of your vehicle.

Video #8: Casey & the Flat Tire

Mike tells the story of a young man who pulls over on the highway to help a woman with a flat tire. The combination of a left shoulder incident & careless action by another driver has tragic results.

Chapter 10 - Ownership, Insurance, Maintenance & Planning

Video #1: Introduction to Chapter 10

Mike talks about the fact that insurance coverage can be confusing, but how it's important to understand the real costs of an accident & the value of maintenance.

Video #2: Automobile Insurance

Mike suggests that a great way to understand auto insurance is to speak directly with your agent. He also explains some risks of insufficient coverage.

Video #3: The Woman Whose Prescription Changed

Mike tells the sad story of a woman who experienced a bad reaction to a prescription change in her cancer medication. The results of this unintentional DUI incident were multiple injuries.

Video #4: Buying & Leasing a Car

Mike explains the pros and cons of these different methods for financing a vehicle.

Video #5: What to Do After a Crash

Mike explains what drivers need to do if they are involved in a crash & warns about the risks of moving your car or leaving the scene without a police report.

Video #6: Oil Changes & Brakes

Mike shares tips on how to maintain your car to keep it going up to 100,000 miles longer & explains how smooth driving habits have cost-saving implications as well.

Video #7: Tire Tread

Mike explains the importance of adequate tire tread for stopping & controlling your car, as well as avoiding collisions.

Video #8: Book Smart or Street Smart?

Mike encourages students to put their knowledge into action as they prepare to take their final exam. Book smart is not enough to become a good driver; he expects his students to become street smart now, to enjoy a lifetime of safe driving.



Smarter Drivers, Safer Roads
That's our goal.