

# SAFE DRIVER PLEDGE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby pledge to be a safe driver. This includes obeying all traffic laws, and taking every possible precaution to ensure my safety, and the safety of those around me, every time I am behind the wheel. By signing this agreement,

**I PLEDGE TO:**

- OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS.
- DRIVE DEFENSIVELY AND RESPONSIBLY.
- REMAIN ALERT AND AWARE OF POSSIBLE DRIVING DANGERS. USE EXTRA CAUTION WHEN DRIVING IN POOR CONDITIONS, SUCH AS HEAVY RAIN OR SNOW.
- AVOID DRIVING DISTRACTIONS, SUCH AS LOUD MUSIC, PASSENGER CONVERSATIONS, AND CELL PHONES.
- ENSURE EVERY PASSENGER IN MY VEHICLE ALWAYS WEARS A SEAT BELT.
- PARTICIPATE IN A DRIVER SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.
- PROPERLY AND CALMLY MANAGE FEELINGS OF FRUSTRATION TOWARD OTHER DRIVERS.
- NEVER DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER SUBSTANCES.
- FOLLOW ANY ADDITIONAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS THAT COULD HELP KEEP ME OUT OF HARM'S WAY.

I recognize it is my responsibility to uphold the terms of this agreement and accept responsibility for myself, my passengers, my vehicle, passengers and vehicles around me, pedestrians, and all other persons and entities that come within range of my vehicle when I am driving.

Driver: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Share with us on Social media using the #SafeDriverPledge



## Distracted Driving 1 min :10 sec Time on Simulator



**Don't Text and Drive**  
Texting while driving a vehicle in Tennessee is illegal.

Data shows that 91% of Americans have a cell phone and texting has increased over 2200% in the last five years! There are three distinct types of distractions: **Visual**, **Manual**, and **Cognitive**.

**Visual**- looking away from the road and viewing something unrelated to driving such as billboards, crash scenes, street signs, and other external stimuli.

**Manual**- removes one or both hands to perform some non-driving task such as eating, drinking, adjusting mirrors, tuning the radio, or programming a GPS.

**Cognitive**- mental thoughts and feelings (anger, anxiety, worry etc.) distract the driver and divert attention from the road. Nearly all crashes involve a combination of two or all three types of distractions.

## SCHEDULE AN EVENT

**THP Simulator:**  
To schedule the Tennessee Highway Patrol simulator call 615- 743-4971.

**Road Team Captain and No Zone Truck:**  
For a professional Road Team Captain and No Zone Truck, call (615)-777-2882 or visit the website.

**Get your School involved:**  
Coordinate a **Teens & Trucks Share the Road** presentation at your high school. Don't forget to submit your points on [ReduceTnCrashes.org](http://ReduceTnCrashes.org).



Experience a large truck through Virtual Reality. For more information, visit [tntruckingfoundation.org/vr](http://tntruckingfoundation.org/vr)



# DRIVE TO ZERO



# FATALITIES

The "Drive to Zero Fatalities" campaign is a data-driven effort that will focus on several traffic safety enforcement goals, specifically, seat belt usage, impaired and distracted driving, and speeding. It will also include enforcement actions against unsafe driving behaviors of large trucks and bus operators. Each one of us should have a vested interest in keeping our highways safe and preventing fatal crashes caused by impaired or distracted driving, failure to wear seat belts, and speeding. To schedule the THP Simulator call (615) 743-4990.



@TennesseeHighwayPatrol  
#Drive2Zero



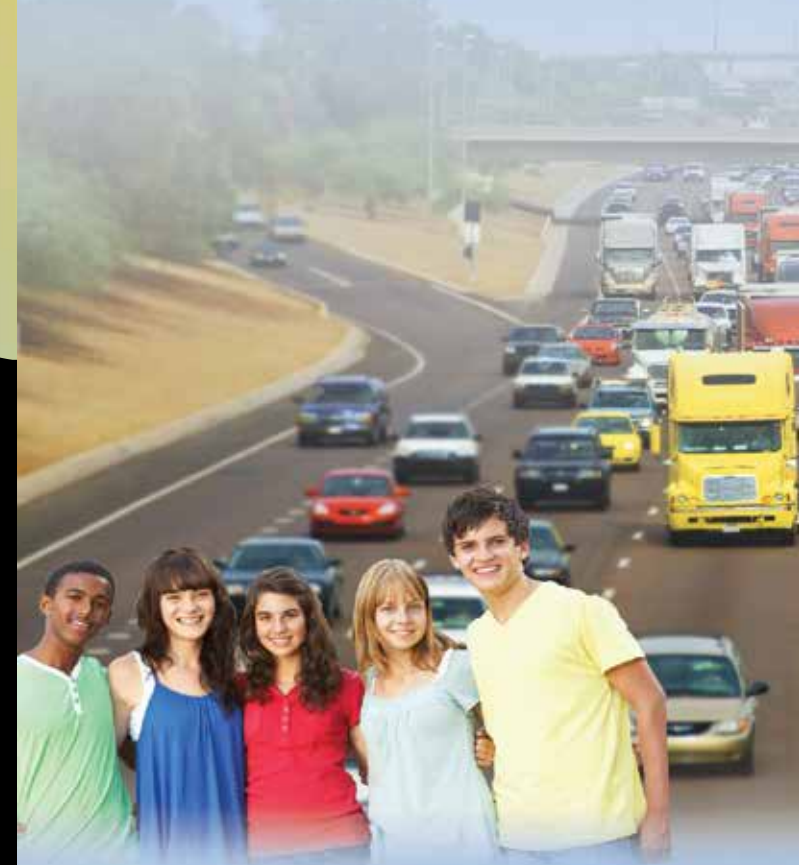
@TNHighwayPatrol  
#MoveOver

TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL



# TEENS & TRUCKS

## SHARE THE ROAD



[www.tntruckingfoundation.org](http://www.tntruckingfoundation.org)  
Tennessee Trucking Foundation is the 501(c)(3) charitable arm of Tennessee Trucking Association.

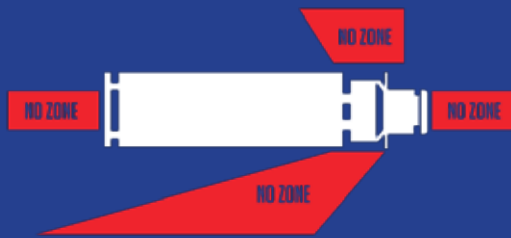
# SHARE THE ROAD

Trucks have huge blind spots called NO-ZONES around the front, back, and sides of the truck. Crashes occur more frequently here. If you can't see the driver in the truck's mirror, the driver can't see you.



## Side No-Zones

Don't "hang out" on either side of large trucks. They have huge blind spots on both sides.



## Front No-Zones

Pass Safely! Don't cut in front of the truck too soon after passing.

## Back No-Zones

Avoid following too close. If you cannot see the driver's mirror, you are following too close.

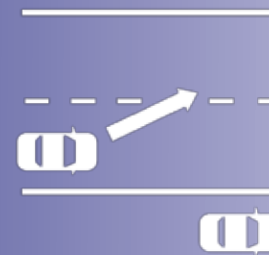


## Move Over

2:45 Time on Simulator

### MOVE OVER LAW

When approaching a stopped emergency vehicle with visual emergency lights activated, drivers are required to yield the right-of-way to the vehicle by moving into the closest available lane from the emergency vehicle. When the roadway does not provide an additional lane, drivers are required to slow down and provide as much space as possible to protect emergency vehicle operators in action.



## Wide Turns

3:45 Time on Simulator

### Avoid Squeeze Play

Be cautious of trucks making wide right turns. If you get between the truck and the curb, you'll be caught in a "squeeze" and can suffer a serious crash.



This material was developed through a project funded by the Tennessee Highway Safety Office.

## TENNESSEE GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE

### LEVEL 1 LEARNER PERMIT (PD)

**REQUIREMENTS:** 15 years old • Vision exam • Knowledge test • SF-1010 school form • Parent signature • Proof of U.S. citizenship/lawful permanent residency  
**ISSUED FOR:** 12 months  
**RESTRICTIONS:** Accompanied by licensed driver 21 or older in front seat • No driving between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. • Seat belts mandatory for driver, front seat occupants and all passengers (child restraint devices for 9 & under) • All cell phone use (including texting) prohibited

### LEVEL 2 INTERMEDIATE RESTRICTED (IR)

**REQUIREMENTS:** 16 years old • Valid PD held for 180 days • SF-1256 form certifying 50 hours' driving experience (must include 10 hours at night) • Pass driving test • Cannot have 6 or more points in last 180 days  
**ISSUED FOR:** Until age 21  
**RESTRICTIONS:** One passenger in car • No driving between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. • Seat belts mandatory for driver, front seat occupants, and all passengers (child restraint devices for 9 & under) • All cell phone use (including texting) prohibited

### LEVEL 3 INTERMEDIATE UNRESTRICTED (IU)

**REQUIREMENTS:** 17 years old • Valid IR for 1 year • Must not have accumulated 6 or more points on driving record, an at-fault accident, or a 2nd seat belt conviction. (Note: Any of these convictions add 90 days of waiting to the IR.)  
**ISSUED FOR:** Until age 21  
**RESTRICTIONS:** Seat belts mandatory for driver, front seat occupants, and all passengers (child restraint devices for 9 & under) • All cell phone use (including texting) prohibited

### LEVEL 4 REGULAR CLASS D DRIVER LICENSE

**REQUIREMENTS:** 18 years old  
**ISSUED FOR:** Until age 21 ("Under 21" indicator will remain)  
**RESTRICTIONS:** Seat belts mandatory for driver, front seat occupants, and all passengers (child restraint devices for 9 & under) • Texting and driving prohibited