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# Driver Ed News

## 2017 Idaho Driver Education Instructor Conference

This is a two day conference located at The Riverside Hotel, Boise Idaho. There are two options available for participation:

Session 1: May 8 - 9, 2017  
Session 2: May 10 - 11, 2017

### [REGISTER FOR CONFERENCE](#)

Successful completion of this course is required to maintain Idaho Public Driver Education licensing. Participants who fully participate in the two day workshop for a total of (15 hours) will meet the requirements of the credit.

### [REGISTER FOR UNIVERSITY CREDIT](#)

*Alternative Workshops are available:*

March 3-5, 2017

[Pacific Northwest Conference Driver Education Conference](#)

Portland, Oregon

March 26-28, 2017

[Lifesavers Conference](#)

Charlotte, North Carolina

April 18-20, 2017

[Idaho Highway Safety Conference](#)

Boise, Idaho

April 23-25, 2017

[Montana State Driver Education Conference](#)

Great Falls, Montana

May 12-13, 2017

[Utah State Driver Education Conference](#)

St. George, Utah

July 14-19, 2017

[National Driver Education Conference](#)

Sacramento, California

September 16-20, 2017

[Governors Highway Safety Conference](#)

Louisville, Kentucky

October 14-15, 2017

[Oregon State Driver Education Conference](#)

Salem, Oregon

October 14-15, 2017

[Washington State Driver Education Conference](#)

Wenatchee, Washington

The Behind the Wheel with ADHD driving program gives you the tools necessary to coach your ADHD students in creating effective strategies and skills to manage the risks associated with all executive functioning challenges and driving. [For more information](#)

Professional Driving Instructor Webinar Behind-the-Wheel With ADHD offers professional driving instructor webinars. Webinars for the remainder of the year are: Tuesday November 8th at 10 am Central Tuesday December 13th at 10 am Central Costs for the webinar are \$125. The webinar is 3 hours long. To register for the webinar go [here](#). To receive updated information about research and news in the area of ADHD and driving sign up for the Behind-the-Wheel With ADHD blog [here](#).

## The National Road Safety Foundation has several contests that your youth can enter

to raise safe driving awareness and earn cash prizes. Below is a list for you to circulate, post, email and put in your newsletters. They are as follows:

1. Drive 2 Life PSA Contest begins Wednesday, October 5th across the country for students in grades 6 – 12. POSTMARK DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd and RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 2017. Theme – Distracted Walking. Winner receives - \$1,000, a trip to NYC and their PSA professionally produced and aired on Teen Kids News. Two Runners-up in grades 6-8 will receive \$500 and two runners-up grades 8-12 receive \$500. [http://www.nrsf.org/teenlane.org/contests/drive\\_2\\_life](http://www.nrsf.org/teenlane.org/contests/drive_2_life)
  2. DrivingSkills 101:Expect the Unexpected Contest begins Monday, October 17th for SADD Chapters across the nation. SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, JANUARY 30th, 2017. Theme – Driver Safety in bad weather conditions. Top 10 Chapters receive \$250 and winning chapter \$2,500. PSA will be produced by a professional TV crew at his/her school to be premiered at SADD National Conference and aired on Teen Kids News. <http://www.nrsf.org/teenlane/content/contests>.
  3. Safe Rides, Save Lives Contest is now open to FCCLA members across the country. SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 2016. Theme – Teen Driver Risks relating to Passenger Safety. Winner in 1st place receive \$3,500, 2nd place \$1,000 and 3rd place \$500. Winning PSA will be submitted to the National Association of Broadcasters and aired on Teen Kids News. <http://www.nrsf.org/teenlane/contests/safe-rides-save-lives>
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### This Is Your Brain on Apps: The Distracted Driving Dilemma

CARS.COM — Most motorists know that driving while distracted is extremely dangerous, yet they continue to do it anyway in frightening numbers. You might consider it a case of collective cognitive dissonance if distracted drivers felt stress or mental discomfort over the contradiction. But that's just the problem — they don't.

### Related: Add 'Pokemon Go' to Driving Distractors List

Dr. Breeda McGrath, Dean of Academic Affairs at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, explained that people are lulled into feeling that driving doesn't require their full attention. As modern cars become more automated and less dependent on driver inputs to operate smoothly, that false sense of security is only reinforced. This result is motorists' belief that they've got this driving thing handled so they can perform other tasks simultaneously — which they decidedly cannot. [Read more here.](#)

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### Emergency Notification System (ENS) Signs at Railroad Crossings

The ENS is for emergencies that would require stopping train traffic due to an obstruction on the tracks, or any other problem at the crossing such as nonworking lights or gates.

Call the number on the sign to report a stalled vehicle on the track or any other danger. The information on the sign identifies the location. The railroad X-ING location numbers are needed to respond to the emergency. If there are injuries to report, call 911.

The ENS 1-800 telephone numbers connect 24/7/365 to railroad dispatchers who can attempt to stop all train traffic at the crossing during an emergency.

If you are stuck on the train tracks, remember the word “GO” as in GET OUT of your vehicle and away from the tracks.

Once the railroad crossing warning lights activate, 20 seconds is the minimal amount of time that it takes a train to reach the grade crossing.

#### BACK-SEAT OBSERVATION ACTIVITY

Ask students observing in the back seat to search for the blue ENS signs located on the cross buck sign post or the mast of the active warning devices by the train tracks.

Questions to ask your students:

1. If your vehicle is stuck on a railroad grade crossing what would you do?
  2. What would you do if you saw a truck or vehicle stuck at a railroad grade crossing prior to the lights and gates activating?
  3. When would you activate the grade crossing Emergency Notification System?
  4. When the lights begin flashing and the gates begin to descend at a railroad grade crossing, what is the minimal amount of time before a train reaches the grade crossing?
  5. How long does it take to stop a freight train? (Answer: Over one mile at 55mph.)
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***New Driver Education instructor Course starts October 31, 2016!***

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