

Prepare your teens to be safe and experienced drivers with Pass Plus

Young drivers (17 - 24 year olds) are at an increased risk for crashes due to their driving inexperience. They lack experience in judging speed and distance, reacting to sudden changes, avoiding distractions, driving in the dark, and driving in adverse weather.

Statistics show that newly qualified drivers are most at risk of having an accident in the first two years or so after they pass their test, with one in five having a crash of some description within the first six months.

If you've a young driver in your family, you're probably already concerned with these statistics, but help is available - Pass Plus can help keep them safer on the road. Designed by the Driving Standards Agency (DSA) with the help of insurers and the driving instruction industry, Pass Plus is driver training course specifically aimed at new drivers giving them more experience on driving situations not covered in their test.

Hampshire County Council supports this scheme and will contribute £75 towards the cost of the Pass Plus course. To be eligible to register for this offer, the driver must have passed their test in the last 12 months, live in Hampshire (excludes Southampton and Portsmouth unitary authority areas) and be aged 17-24.

For further information or to register please contact Hampshire County Council's Road Safety Team on 01962 846100 or visit www.hants.gov.uk/roadsafety

Remember as parents or grandparents you have a great deal of influence over your young drivers! Your driving styles influence the way your children drive, so set a good example and talk to your teen to establish driving rules and consequences.