



Getting Your Teen a Driver's License in Pennsylvania

STEP 1 – Build a knowledge base

- 1-3 months *before* you plan to allow your teen get a learner's permit:
- Enroll in the classroom program
 - Gives teen big picture understanding of responsibilities tied to driving and develops critical thinking skills that cannot be learned from reading PA Driver's Manual
- Gain experience on simulators
 - Simulators teach teen how to handle dangerous driving situations without putting teen in danger on the road
 - Simulators reinforce correct habits and thinking processes necessary to become a safe driver

STEP 2 – Get a learner's permit

- Complete application found in PA Manual or online at www.dmv.state.pa.us/pdotforms/dl_forms/dl-180.pdf
- Include doctor's signature and payment with application
- Bring teen's social security card and either birth certificate or passport to DMV with completed application
- Teen must pass vision and knowledge test

STEP 3 – Begin practice behind the wheel practice

- Give teen 2-3 lessons with coaches to cover basics BEFORE parents take teen on the road
 - Ensures teen is learning correct skills and habits to build a solid foundation
 - Less stressful for teen and parents
- Begin team work training process
 - Coaches teach skills in new and challenging environments (night time, city, construction, highway, turnpike, bridges, inclement weather, etc.)
 - Parents work with teen to reinforce skills taught by coaches
- Customize frequency and pattern of behind the wheel lessons to support your family's needs
 - Most teen's take 9 months to 1 year to complete training
- Practice, practice, practice!



STEP 4 – Get a junior license

When you feel your teen is ready to be a safe, serious, responsible driver...

- Call StreetSafe to set up Test Prep 6 - 8 weeks prior to intended test date for junior license
 - StreetSafe will set up test date and time at DMV with a coach
- Lesson 1
 - Coach evaluates teen's skills to ensure teen is ready to drive independently and takes teen to DMV to practice test route
 - Parent/guardian signs consent form (StreetSafe provides form)
- Lesson 2
 - Coach takes teen to DMV for test and processes paperwork