

Taking the stress out of teaching teens to drive

Council is hosting a free, two-day course to demonstrate how parents and guardians of learner drivers can help their teen reach their 120 hours driving experience without all the stress.

The Stress-free Supervision of Learner Drivers course focuses on using the four stages of learning to drive to provide the best chance of your learner being properly prepared for being a safe driver.

Teaching learner drivers can be a daunting responsibility, particularly for parents, according to Council's Road Safety/Learner Driver Project Officer, John Ernst. However, he added that excuses were not an option as it was vital you give your child the experience they needed to be safe on the roads.

"Common concerns range from worry about having a crash, conflict between parent and child or being too busy," Mr Ernst explained. "Teaching a teenager to drive doesn't have to be stressful, we will explain and demonstrate how you can get through the 120 hours and still be on speaking terms with your teen!"

The more practice a learner driver can have in all road conditions, the safer they will be on the roads when they get their probationary licence.

"Research shows that Learners are the safest drivers on the road, but that doesn't mean they will automatically get things right," Mr Ernst said. "Using the same program that has trained thousands of driving supervisors in the L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program, you will learn how to use driving schools in a strategic way that won't break the bank and you will find out what learners will be tested on and what they are required to know.

We will also show you some simple things that can be added to the car to make it easier to supervise your learners."

The Stress-free Supervision of Learner Drivers course will be held on 22 and 29 October at The Grainstore, Mirboo North, from 7.30 - 9.30pm. Bookings for the two-day course are essential by phoning John Ernst on 5662 9367 and participants are asked to bring a plate for share for supper.

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