

Impact Texas Young Drivers (ITYD) Program

On May 1st 2017 the Texas Department of Public Safety announces an update to the Impact Texas Drivers (ITD) program. It was developed by the Department of Public Safety with the goal of saving lives through awareness and education. The intent of the program is meant to educate drivers in an effort to reduce the risk of being involved in automobile crashes, particularly those caused by distracted driving.

Distracted driving is the number one killer of drivers in America. The Impact Texas Drivers program shows what can happen when drivers are distracted while driving.

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The Impact Texas Young Drivers program (ITYD) is a free, 1 hour informational video that provides educational information on the dangers of distracted driving. The video also shares real life stories of people and their families who were impacted as a result of distracted driving. This course is for drivers 18-24 years of age and older that have completed the adult driver education course and for drivers 25 and over who may or may not have completed a driver education course.

NOTE: Driver education is not required for individuals age 25 and older but is highly recommended.

Completion Certificate

Anyone taking a driving skills test **MUST** present their ITYD completion certificate together with any required driver education certificates. All applicants who have completed the program have 90 days from the date on their ITYD certificate to pass the driving skills exam. If not passed, the course must be taken again.

ITYD does not replace the distracted driving module given in the 6 hours of Adult driver education classroom phase. The ITYD program has been added to emphasize the ever increasing dangers of distracted driving.

Third Party Skills Testing (TPST) authorized school

In order to test with a Third Party Skills Testing (TPST) authorized school you must:

- Be 18-24 years of age, have completed the adult driver education course in its entirety and have a restricted driver license and completed the Impact Texas Young Drivers (ITYD) program.
- Be 25 years of age or older and have a restricted driver license and completed the Impact Texas Young Drivers (ITYD) program.

ITYD is available through the Texas Department of Public Safety's Impact Texas Drivers website. Always remember to make good choices while driving to keep you and others safe on our Texas highways. Together we can stop distracted driving.

Statutory Authority

37 Texas Administrative Code, Section 15.62

<https://impacttexasdrivers.dps.texas.gov/>