



# Utah Driver Education News

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## IMPORTANT DEMS INFORMATION

Instructors need to put in all **completions** into DEMS **within 48 hours** of each portion of driver education and/or testing. Instructors change schools, get promoted, and retire. If you do not enter your own scores after student completions it puts a huge burden on the next instructor as well as the DLD DEMS operators. The DLD field offices depend on the completion dates to process and provide the students with their licenses in a timely matter. Wait times are 5 hours currently in some offices and this is adding to the congestion.

- Check student permits carefully to make sure they are valid.
- Student must have a Utah learner permit, no other state is valid.
- Currently failures can only be entered into DEMS for exams.

**Virtual Workshop for BTW Instructors**  
**September 27, 2023 from 12:00—2:00 p.m.**

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

This workshop will focus on how to instruct and evaluate during a BTW lesson.

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify where instructors should be searching during BTW lesson.
- Identify how to instruct and evaluate where a student should be searching during a BTW lesson.
- Identify how to apply risk management and decision-making strategies taught in the classroom to BTW lessons.
- Describe techniques to engage student drivers and observers in developing cognitive skills during BTW lessons.

## NEW RAIL SAFETY COURSE HAS ARRIVED!

The new rail safety course is now available in Street Smarts. Students will be able to take the course when they log into street smarts, they will see Rail Safety as a course option. [Link to rail safety course](#) All programs using the online canvas course should direct students to the new link and update your course.

Utah Operation Lifesaver is still available for live presentations.

**[CLICK TO REQUEST A LIVE IN PERSON PRESENTATION](#)**



## DE Law and Policy

Begins October 2, 2023

MIDAS #31794

[Click to Register](#)

## H EDU 351

Begins January 15, 2024

University of Utah Continuing Ed

[Click to Register](#)



## A Multi-Site Examination for the Impact of Changes in Posted Speed Limit on Traffic Safety

Despite numerous studies reporting the negative impacts of increased speeds on traffic safety, many states have raised their posted speed limits. In response, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety (AAA Foundation) initiated a multiphase study in 2018 to investigate the effects of posted speed limit changes.

[Read more here](#)

## Almost One-Third of Traffic Fatalities Are Speed-Related Crashes

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is partnering with advocates and experts from across the country to launch its “*Speeding Wrecks Lives*” speeding prevention campaign. The launch comes as new data show that while there has been three quarters of a slight dip in overall roadway deaths, speeding fatalities reached a 14-year high in 2021 and make up almost one-third of all traffic fatalities.

[More Information](#)



## National Road Safety Foundation (NRSF) Free Traffic Safety Resources

Free traffic safety resources, including videos, activities, and public service announcements (PSAs) can be downloaded from the NRSF website or you can request materials on a DVD.

[View and download materials.](#)