

DRIVING

Driving is one of the most dangerous things that we do and practicing defensive driving is the best way to protect ourselves. SDIS is committed to helping districts with their defensive driving skills by offering a variety of online, video, and in-person trainings through our driver training program. Also available is the Drive Square driving simulator designed to assist members in practicing techniques learned in these courses.

We recommend districts conduct annual driver training for employees. Below is a list of trainings we offer.

TRAININGS

In-Person Trainings

- *Accident Investigation*
- *After an Accident*
- *Attitude While Driving*
- *Backing and Maneuvering*
- *Defensive Driving*
- *Distracted Driving*
- *Driving with Trailers*
- *Environmental Driving*
- *Pre-Trip Inspections*

SafePersonnel Online Trainings

- *15 Passenger Van Safety*
- *City Driving*
- *Defensive Driving*
- *Distracted Driving*
- *Road Rage*
- *Winter Driving*

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- *Personal Consequences of Unsafe Driving*

Once the district has completed at least two trainings, they can use the driving simulator. The simulator is designed to reinforce and practice the techniques employees learned from the trainings. The simulator is connected to the district's vehicle that employees drive regularly. Sensors are connected to the gas and brake while the wheels are placed on free spinning plates. Drivers have the option to wear virtual reality goggles or watch a 40" television screen. Employees can experience multiple scenarios while in a safe environment and are given 10-15 minutes in the simulator.



If your district is interested in utilizing trainings through our driver training program, please contact the Risk Management Department. We can be reached at 800-285-5461 or by email at riskmanagement@sdao.com.