

INFORMATION SHEET AND PERMISSION FORM

Project Title: You in the Driver Seat App: Deterring Distracted Driving

We are asking your son/daughter to take part in a research study conducted by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute's Teens in the Driver Seated® (TDS) program. The Texas Department of Transportation funds this study. The information in this form is to help you decide whether you will allow your son/daughter to take part. If you do not want your son/daughter to participate, there will be no penalty to them and they will not lose any benefits they normally would have.

Why Is This Study Being Done?

The purpose of this research study is to try to answer two main research questions: "Do young drivers using the You in the Driver Seat App stop using their phone while driving?" and "Do young drivers who use the app have better driving scores over a period of time?" The goal of the study overall is to improve safe driving habits for teen drivers by reducing distractions in the car and speeding.

Why is my son/daughter being asked to be in this study?

We are asking your son/daughter to be in this study because they are a student at a campus that actively participates in the Teens in the Driver Seat Program.

How many people will be asked to be in this study?

Overall, 10,000 people will be invited at multiple schools.

What are the alternatives to being in this study?

The alternative to being in the study is not to participate.

What will they be asked to do in this study?

Your son and/or daughter will be asked to download the You in the Driver Seat (YDS) mobile application on their phone. The YDS app will ask for basic information including school, age, gender and e-mail address (where we can contact them for prizes). Students will also be given the option to upload a profile picture. Your permission is required for them to activate the app.

This app will automatically track driving behavior when the car starts moving. The app is measuring cell phone use and speeding (is driving faster than 80 miles per hour). Once the trip is complete, points will be assigned and then applied to a rewards program. No data will be recorded when they are not driving. The application does not record information about other mobile applications they use on their phone. They will have the ability to use their phone while driving but the goal of the app is to encourage responsible driving which includes not using a cell phone or speeding. If they use their cell phone during operation of the vehicle, they will receive fewer points.

Are there any risks?

There is a minimal risk of privacy and confidentiality loss but TTI works very hard to secure all the data that is collected in the app. Information is stored on a secure cloud based server, which codes all the information and is only accessible to study personnel. Driving data is not connected

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to the driver in any of the results and driving data is not shared with anyone outside of the study (e.g. school, parents, etc.)

Are There Any Benefits?

Users who accumulate points through undistracted and safe driving will be entered into a drawing for a prize (to be determined later).

Will There Be Any Costs?

Aside from your son/daughter's time, there are no costs for taking part in the study.

Will They Be Paid To Be In This Study?

Students who utilize the app and accumulate points through undistracted driving can be in a drawing for a prize (to be determined later). The odds of being selected vary based on the number of points a driver gets but a student has roughly 1 in 200 chance of being selected for a prize. Additional benefits include positive reinforcement of safe driving behaviors

Will information from this study be kept private?

Driving data is not connected to the driver in any of the results and driving data is not shared with anyone outside of the study (e.g. school, parents, etc.). All data collected is coded and encrypted on secure cloud based server. Trip data is also stored separately from personally identifiable information.

Whom may I contact for more information?

You may contact, Russell Henk, P.E., to tell him about a concern or complaint about this research at 210-979-9411 or r-henk@tamu.edu or contact Lisa Minjares-Kyle, at 713-613-9211 or l-minjares@ttimail.tamu.edu.

For questions about your rights; or if you have questions, complaints, or concerns about the research, you may call the Texas A&M University Human Subjects Protection Program office at (979) 458-4067 or irb@tamu.edu.

What if I change my mind about my son/daughter participating?

This research is voluntary and you have the choice whether or not to allow them to participate. You may decide to stop their participation at any time.

By your son/daughter's use of the You in the Driver Seat mobile application, they are giving permission for the investigator to use their information for research purposes as explained in the "Why is this study being done" section..

In order for your son/daughter to participate, they require your permission. Please click the link [Link will connect you to the parent permission form] below to authorize them to be able to participate.

Thank you.

Russell Henk, P.E.