

Project Title: Teens in the Driver Seat

**Your son and/or daughter is being invited to take part in a research study being conducted by Teens in the Driver Seat, a peer-to-peer traffic safety program dedicated to ending the number one cause of teen death in America: car crashes. This program is under the Texas A&M Transportation Institute and funded by the Texas Department of Transportation. The information in this form is provided to help you decide whether or not they will take part. If you decide you do not want your son and/or 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 study is to provide a tool for measuring changes in awareness of risks to teenage drivers and passengers and for measuring changes in self-reported behavior that may be attributed to the program.

**Why Is My Son/Daughter Being Asked To Be In This Study?**

Your son and/or daughter are being asked 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?**

Depending on the size of the school, we ask that a minimum of 500 students be invited to participate to take this survey locally. Overall, a total of 50,000 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 provide answers (as best they can) whether they are currently driving or not – their opinions and feedback are important! Their participation in this study will last up to 5 to 10 minutes that it takes for them to complete the survey.

**Are There Any Risks?**

Responses are anonymous and have no impact on grade or driving record. These will be used for general statistical purposes only. Your son/daughter is not required to complete the survey and can stop at any time.

**Are There Any Benefits? (*\*If there are no direct benefits, this section may be omitted*)**

You will receive no direct benefit from participating in this study.

**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?**

There will be no reimbursement for this study.

INFORMATION SHEET

**Will Information From This Study Be Kept Private?**

The records of this study will be kept private. No identifiers linking your son/daughter to this study will be included in any sort of report that might be published. Research records will be stored securely and only principal investigator and research study personnel will have access to the records.

Information about your son/daughter will be stored in a locked file cabinet and/or computer files protected with a password.

Information about your son/daughter will be kept confidential to the extent permitted or required by law. People who have access to your information include the Principal Investigator and research study personnel. Representatives of regulatory agencies such as the Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP) and entities such as the Texas A&M University Human Subjects Protection Program may access your records to make sure the study is being run correctly and that information is collected properly.

Information about your son/daughter and related to this study will be kept confidential to the extent permitted or required by law.

**Who may I Contact for More Information?**

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

For questions about your rights as a research participant; 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 be in this research study. They may decide to not begin or to stop participating at any time. If it is decided to not be in this study or stop being in the study, there will be no effect on their grades or any other relationship with the school.

By your son/daughter's completion of the survey(s), they are giving permission for the investigator to use their information for research purposes.

Thank you.

*Russell Henk, P.E.*