

## **Should your child be learning on a Skid Range?**

### **Skid Pan Training and Crisis Evasion**

**For their own safety, drivers – and particularly young drivers- should NOT take evasion courses or skid training. They are shown to cause more crashes than they prevent. This is our opinion based on research.**

American Driving Academy does not teach skid training. There is overwhelming evidence that they serve no useful purpose; they are actually increasing the risk of subsequent crashes (a veritable example of a little knowledge being dangerous). Research shows that driver education courses, especially those for young drivers, should be taught with an emphasis on risk awareness, anticipation in driving, and recognition of the driver's own limitations. It should not teach on a skid pad how to handle the vehicle in critical situations; these should be taught in a classroom setting.

From Drivers.com one can read “A word of warning: taking a course in more advanced driving skills: emergency braking, skid control, collision avoidance maneuvers may create a new risk for you.” Research has shown that those who take advanced skills courses have a tendency to misuse the skills and actually have a higher crash rate. Having these skills is not a substitute for good risk management.

Many young drivers are most at risk with their driving because they do not have the maturity, attitude, and wisdom. Training on a skid range may give them a false sense of confidence in their driving ability which may cause them to take more risks.

Please keep your children driving safely.

#### Important Websites

[www.driveandstayalive.com](http://www.driveandstayalive.com)

[www.cieca-drivinglicence.org/illustraties/pdf/eng/Adv\\_trainerschecklENB.pdf](http://www.cieca-drivinglicence.org/illustraties/pdf/eng/Adv_trainerschecklENB.pdf)

[www.mynrma.com.au/motoring/drivers/pdfs/Novice\\_drivers.pdf](http://www.mynrma.com.au/motoring/drivers/pdfs/Novice_drivers.pdf)

#### References and other sites:

Drive and Stay Alive Inc.

Police Driving – the Standards and the Reasons (a DSA web page)

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