

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

2019FallDTSNewsletter

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on 2019FallDTSNewsletter, a proposed guidance document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 1 day by:

1. Department's website:

<https://trust.dot.state.wi.us/act369/?id=DMV990&uri=file:2019FallDTSNewsletter&division=DMV&tags=DTS>

2. Mailing written comments to:

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Wisconsin Department of Transportation
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WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsindot.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

AGENCY CONTACT

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Hi! We have exciting news about updates on the Driver Education Completion system and insights on what goes wrong during the renewal process. Check out the tools you can use in the classroom and more.

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Driver Education Completion (DEC) Program Updates-IMPORTANT

The Driver Education Completion (DEC) system is upgraded and enhanced. Watch for the roll out October 20, 2019.

This enhanced new version of DEC has the same look and feel as the original program. You will still be able to enter driver education completions in DEC the same way we do now.

Updated functions and capabilities include:

- Creating a full student account
- Adding contact information
- Confirming (Behind the Wheel) BTW start dates
- Adding fees
- Adding classes and courses

Streamline your office work with these new features:

- Monitor and track student course progress
- Record exam results
- Find students permit numbers
- Maintain a digital record of your students

While using these new features are not required at this time, working with them regularly will help you become familiar with the upgraded DEC system.

NOTE: Nothing has changed with the MV3001 requirements. Continue to fill out and sign the paper form of MV3001 BTW and Exam sections until phase II of the DEC upgrade which is planned for Fall 2020.

Training for enhanced new DEC system

Follow this link for an overview and explanation of the new processes and capabilities added to WisDOT's DEC system. Share this with anyone on your team who accesses the system.

[New DEC Training for Public Driver Training Schools](#)

If you have problems with DEC and need assistance, email the following information to dotdrvtrnschool@dot.wi.gov:

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Contact DTS

Here's how to contact the Driver Training School Unit:

608-264-7495 - Phone

608-223-7705 - Fax

dotdrvtrnschool@dot.wi.gov

New podcasts

WisDOT's new monthly podcast series, "Transportation Connects Us," covers various transportation issues, including: transportation safety; engineering; and DMV topics.

School bus safety laws

ICYMI: You must stop a minimum of 20 feet from a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing. After the bus lights have stopped flashing, watch for children. This podcast has more reminders on Wisconsin's school bus safety laws. [School Bus Safety](#)

- Company and/or instructor name
 - Contact information
 - Problem you are having
- Please provide a screen shot of the problem and/or errors you are receiving.

As a partner in providing Wisconsin driving students quality instruction, we're pleased to offer this updated online system.

Driver Training School Renewal Process Reminders

The 2019 renewal season is over! Thank you to all who have renewed again this year. It is a pleasure working with you. Our staff looks forward to speaking with you by phone or in person at conferences and during in-person audits throughout the year.

The renewal process went smoothly this year. However, we find certain requirements occasionally missed or incomplete during the renewal process.

To ensure there are no delays in your future renewals, here is a list of commonly missed or incomplete items found during the renewal process:

- Section B (health care practitioner) on the instructor application is incomplete
- Using outdated Driver Training School forms. Find current forms on the WisDOT website. [Wisconsin DOT DTS Forms](#)
- Requirements for a student record card and contract/agreement are not being met.
- Confirming all new instructors have completed the required knowledge and skills testing.
- Submitting a letter from the high school confirming the continuous use of the classroom for your driver training school.

Please contact the DTS Unit if you have any questions or concerns about the renewal requirements or documents required during the renewal process.

Tools explain organ donation option

When Wisconsin teens go to the DMV to get a driver license, they will be asked, "Do you wish to register as an organ, tissue and eye donor?"

To understand the options, Donate Life Wisconsin developed a teen education video and companion workbook.

Donate Life Wisconsin wants to help students make this life-saving choice and help drivers' education programs and instructors comply with state law mandating at least 30 minutes of education about organ, tissue and eye donation.



Are you REAL ID ready?

DMV Administrator Kristina Boardman discuss the process for obtaining a REAL ID in WisDOT's [REAL ID podcast](#).

Tools for students



Blue signs at rail crossings save lives. If there's a problems on a railroad crossing, leave your vehicle and call for help.



Stay off tracks

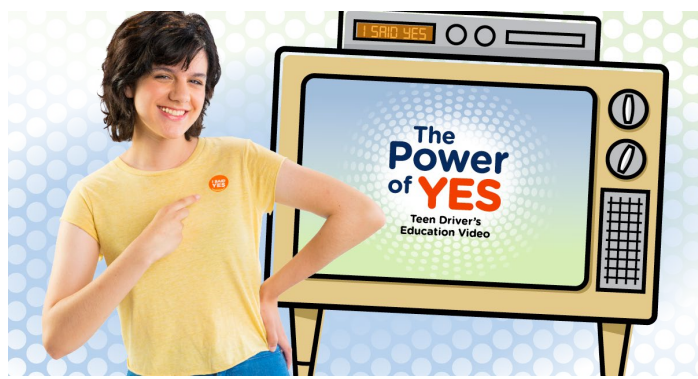
Railroad tracks are for trains, not senior photos or selfies. Every year people are killed or injured by oncoming trains. Walking or taking photos on train tracks is illegal and dangerous.

This news story shows how [surprisingly silent trains](#) can be.

Fall weather safety tips

Fall often means damp and cool weather - a perfect recipe for fog. When driving in fog: buckle up and be certain your low-beam headlights are on - this helps you see what's ahead and helps others see you; slow down, eliminate distractions and allow extra following distance; keep the outside - and inside - of your vehicle windows clean.

Visit DonateLifeWisconsin.org/Teens to view the video or order a free DVD and printed supply of workbooks (in English and Spanish).



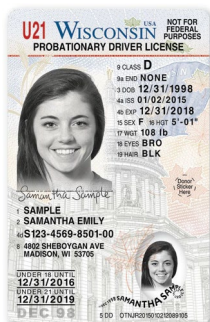
Are your students REAL ID ready?

When enforcement of the REAL ID Act begins October 1, 2020, the regular Wisconsin driver license or ID will no longer be accepted identification for domestic air travel or to enter a federal building or military base. Travelers 18 years of age or older will need to present a REAL ID-compliant driver license or state ID card or another acceptable form of identification (such as a passport).

Students should bring in all the required paperwork when they get their license to get a REAL ID. Otherwise, their driver license will be marked "NOT FOR FEDERAL PURPOSES."

Wisconsin DMV has an interactive checklist to provide you with the documents need to apply for a Wisconsin REAL ID driver license. The [Drivers License Guide](http://wisconsin.gov/DriversLicenseGuide) (wisconsin.gov/DriversLicenseGuide) walks students through the process:

- Pre-fills application
- Submits online
- Prepares personalized checklist of documents to bring to DMV
- Locates convenient DMV location and list hours
- Opportunity to make an appointment

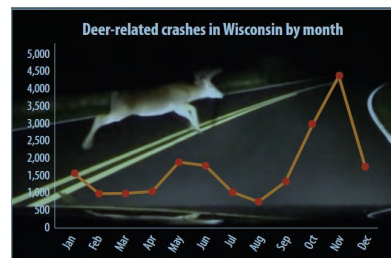


Harvest time safety

Over the last decade in WI, there were 1,707 crashes between motor vehicles and ag equipment resulting in 874 injuries and 32 fatalities. Drivers are reminded to be alert, patient, pass carefully and legally.

Oh, deer!

Crashes between deer and vehicles typically peak in fall months. To avoid crashes and injuries, buckle up, slow down and carefully scan the road ahead. If a deer appears suddenly, it's generally safest to remain in your lane, hit the brakes and the deer. Swerving suddenly can result in a more serious crash.



Stay Connected

New! Podcast



Check out these past issues of *Between the Lines* Driver Training School Newsletter

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- [Spring 2017](#)
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- [Fall 2016](#)
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