The most compelling program for keeping drivers safe on the road

Course description

DDC 8/6 is a highly interactive instructor-led classroom course with the goal of providing drivers with practical knowledge and techniques to avoid collisions and violations. With a defensive driving self-assessment risk survey and leading safety issues, this course helps drivers choose safe, responsible and lawful driving behaviors. Available in both English and Spanish, this eight-hour course can be reduced to six hours to address your organization’s specific training requirements.

What participants will learn

Participants will acquire the knowledge and techniques to recognize potential hazards and avoid collisions and violations and why choosing safe, responsible and lawful driving behaviors and habits make personal and financial sense. They will understand that the right attitude can prevent collisions and poor-decision making as well as how to drive defensively in unpredictable conditions.

Course features:

• Videos with real-life driver simulations, hazard recognition and vehicle maintenance checkpoints
• Interpersonal activities, case studies and small group discussions
• Defensive Driving Self-Assessment Risk Survey allows each participant to evaluate their own attitudes and behaviors when they are driving
• Critical discussions on distracted driving and the dangers of cell phone use
• Instructor multimedia presentation with animated graphics, traffic simulations and embedded video

Only certified DDC Instructors can teach DDC 8/6 - Your staff instructor must successfully complete the 3-day DDC 8/6 Instructor Course. During the Instructor Course, the candidate instructor will learn the specific DDC course content. For Instructor Course dates, locations and fees, visit train.nsc.org/ntc

DDC Instructor Course registration fees may vary. Contact the National Safety Council at (800) 621-7619 or the Administering Office prior to registering for an Instructor Course to discuss your DDC training options, registration fees and teaching material pricing, course dates, and to complete a DDC Training Center agreement.
DDC 8/6 Course Materials

DDC Programs are based on proven defensive driving techniques and driver attitude research. Each course is designed, written and reviewed by leading safety experts, driver education professionals, statisticians and research analysts, and an international advisory committee.

**Instructor Manual** – Fully-scripted with easy-to-follow “What to Do/What to Say” format, facilitation methods and session objectives.

**Instructor PowerPoint** – Full action animation emphasizing keys concepts and driver re-enactments to reinforce learning objectives.

**Teaching Kit** – The multi-media video presentation creates consistency in course delivery and facilitation skills. In addition to the instructional content, it contains seven videos addressing critical issues related to the impact of poor driving habits, vehicle maintenance and inspections, safety belts, airbag and child safety seats, distracted, aggressive and impaired driving, following distance and passing, driving defensively and seven hazard recognition scenarios. Videos are property of the National Safety Council and a video lease must be renewed annually in order to continue teaching the course purchase student course guides and receive automatic video updates.

**Course Guide and Certificate of Completion** – 56-page full color Course Guide with an easy-to-follow layout, session objectives and learner-centered activities. One course guide required per student.

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**DDC SPOTLIGHT**

OmniTrans is the primary public transit provider for the San Bernardino Valley in Southern California transporting approximately 16 million passengers each year. Every single OmniTran's coach operator has gone through DDC – it’s been a standard portion of our Student Coach Operator driver safety training and refresher training for decades.

DDC sets a high standard in driver safety training and is a major reason our preventable accident rate has decreased from 1.28 preventable accidents per 100,000 miles to an all-time low of .74 preventable accidents per 100,000 miles.

“National Safety Council Defensive Driving Courses continues to play an active role in this significant reduction. OmniTrans will continue to utilize DDC; and I heartily endorse other companies to make DDC part of their driver safety training.”

Don J. Frazier, Fleet Safety & Training Supervisor

To learn more about DDC 8/6, call (800) 621-7619 or an NSC Chapter, or visit train.nsc.org/ntc.

To request more information, go to nsc.org/ddc_info.