

driver improvement

Professional Truck Driver Defensive Driving Course



Last year, more than 5,000 people died in collisions with large trucks. 74% of those killed were in passenger vehicles and 10% were pedestrians, bicyclists or motorcyclists. Professional truck drivers have a tremendous responsibility for keeping the highways safe for others. The National Safety Council's Professional Truck Driver Defensive Driving Course gives them the tools to carry out this responsibility. Since DDC-PTD was first introduced in 1986, thousands of professional truck drivers have taken it and made a difference on our roads. Our experience and proven training techniques set us apart from other driver training providers.

- DDC-PTD is written exclusively for professional truck drivers by professional truck drivers.
- No matter where your fleet and drivers are based, they'll get the same quality and course content for DDC-PTD.
- Materials are frequently updated to reflect changes in traffic laws and teaching techniques.

DDC-PTD Professional Truck Driver—3rd edition

Professional truck drivers are involved in fewer collisions than other motorists, but collisions involving trucks are far more deadly and costly. DDC-PTD gives truck drivers defensive driving techniques that help them avoid collisions and violations. Like our other DDC courses, it focuses on personal responsibility and the consequences of the driving decisions we make.

The 3rd edition is more flexible than ever. It can be taught in as little as four hours, or extended to eight hours with supplemental modules.

Topics include:

- The most common causes of truck-related collisions - and how to avoid them
- The DDC Collision Prevention Formula
- Setting safety standards and protecting other motorists
- The unique challenges of driving large vehicles
- Managing lanes safely
- Dealing with uncontrollable driving conditions and hazards

This edition features new information on:

- Code of Ethics
- "Drive for 5" - protecting motorists and truck drivers
- Personal safety
- Mirror adjustment stations
- Following distance
- Situation analysis of collisions and incidents

We offer flexible training options to fit your schedule and budget. You can train at a National Safety Council Training Center, or at your facility. Or, you can become an instructor and train your employees yourself.

If you sign up for DDC-PTD, you'll receive our illustrated Driver Course Guide, with practical exercises and information you'll refer to even after the course is over. The Course Guide includes handy Job Aids that you can tear out and keep in your vehicle for quick reference. You'll also get a Certificate of Completion.

If you become a DDC-PTD instructor, you'll find it as easy to teach as to learn. Materials include our Instructor Manual, a 12-month video lease featuring *The Gift, Tough Targets* (our new backing video), *Between the Lines*, and *In Our Own Words*; pre- and post-tests, and your choice of overheads or PowerPoint™ presentation featuring motion.

You can become an Instructor by taking our DDC-PTD Instructor Course. If you're teaching a competitive course, we'll grandfather you in. Or, if you're currently teaching DDC-8/6, you can easily upgrade to teaching DDC-PTD. Just call for details.

For information on DDC-PTD classes in your area, or becoming a DDC-PTD instructor, visit our website at www.nsc.org/train



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