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Driver Education VRU Videos

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New Information

In support of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and to significantly reduce fatal or serious injury traffic accidents, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) encourages driving schools to include additional video content related to vulnerable road users (VRUs) in their existing curriculums. Some examples of VRUs include pedestrians, cyclists, and highway/road workers.

The links below are suggested videos along with their respective sections in the Driver Education Lesson Plan (OL 236), as applicable:

- California Office of Traffic Safety videos:
 - <https://www.ots.ca.gov/media-and-research/campaigns/pedestrian-safety/> (Section IX)
 - <https://gosafelyca.org/share-the-road/> (Section V)
- Videos available on YouTube:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVIdbL4ug74> (Section VI)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vaY5OHYON6U> (Section VI or VII)
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5TXJwUDveM_ (Section IX)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Herby4kNVOg> (Section IX)
- California DMV Driver Education (Share the Road) videos:
 - <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/driver-education-and-safety/educational-materials/videos-2/> (no OL 236 section)
- Texas Department of Transportation videos:
 - <https://www.txdot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-campaigns/pedestrian-safety.html> (no OL 236 section)

Driving schools are **not** required to submit a new curriculum or pay fees to update their curriculum. However, DMV is interested in feedback and requests driving schools to email DMVPolicyOLCompliance@dmv.ca.gov if any VRU videos are incorporated.

Background

The SHSP is a statewide, coordinated traffic safety plan that provides a comprehensive framework for reducing roadway fatalities and serious injuries on California's public roads. As part of the SHSP, a VRU Safety Assessment was completed that analyzed data gathered from 2011-2021. The assessment determined a steady rise in fatal or serious injury traffic accidents involving VRUs and highlighted the need to focus on VRU safety. One avenue to achieve this goal is to include more visual VRU content in driver education materials.

Distribution

Notification of this memo (available at [dmv.ca.gov](https://www.dmv.ca.gov) under Vehicle Industry Services) was made via the California DMV Automated Email Alert System in March 2024 to the following:

- Driving School Operators
- Driving School Owners

Contact

Direct questions related to this memo to DMVPolicyOLCompliance@dmv.ca.gov.