

How to be aware of - and target the learner driver's state of mind.

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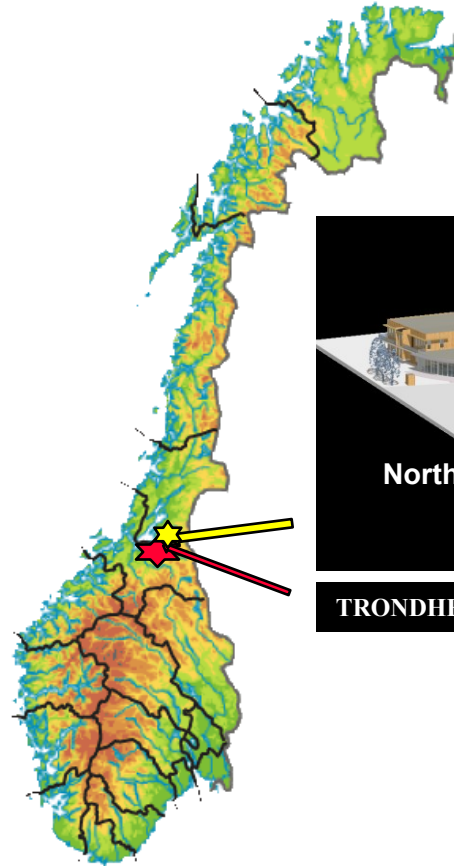
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- A National Training centre
- Two-year educational programme to qualify as a licensed category B Driving teacher
- Advanced training programmes for Driving teachers and Examiners
- State university college; governmental funded



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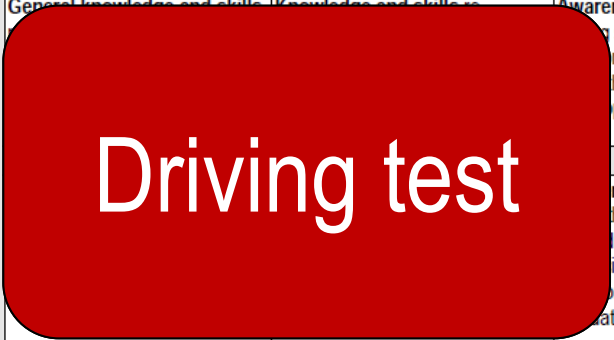
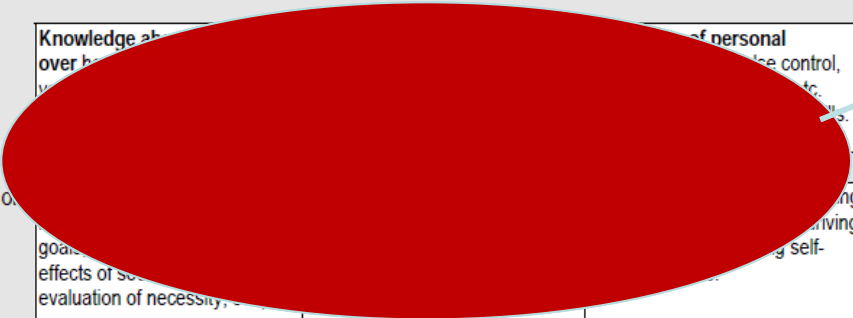
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Our approach

How to implement this part of the matrix in the driver learning programme

Curriculum has ambitions that go beyond the driving test

Hierarchical level of behaviour (extent of generalisation):	Central content of driver education:		
	Knowledge and skills the driver has to master	Risk increasing factors the driver must be aware of	Self-evaluation
Goals for life and skills for living (global)	Knowledge about... of personal... control,		
Goals and context of driving (specific trip)	goals... effects of... evaluation of necessity,		
Mastery of traffic situations (specific situation)	General knowledge and skills... Knowledge and skills...		Awareness of personal skills, style, hazard perception, from the viewpoint of... and weaknesses. Developing self-evaluation skills.
Vehicle manoeuvring (specific task)			ness of personal... and weaknesses re... driving skills and car control... ally in hazardous... ns), etc. Developing self-... ation skills.



Our approach

The main question is:
Why do young novice
drivers, especially male
drivers, don't drive the
way they are taught:
safely and with low risk
as a priority?



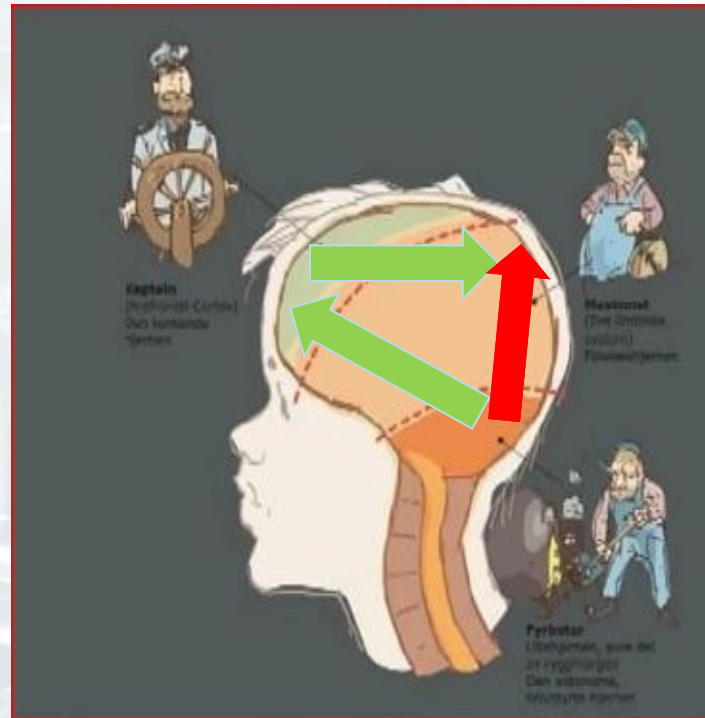
- Our emotional state is determining our driving behaviour more than we like to admit.
- We can't "erase" or reset to zero our emotional state, we need to learn to deal with it.
 - Our feelings are always present. And you can't learn not to be angry, you can't learn not to be happy, but we can learn how the emotions affect our actions.

Our approach

Every action originates from an emotion

Examples

Emotion	Action
Afraid	Run
Anger	Attack
Sad	Withdraw
Shame	Hide



- We want to create a link from the brains emotional center to the frontal cortex before being brought into the action center
- It is about establishing neural pathways

Our approach

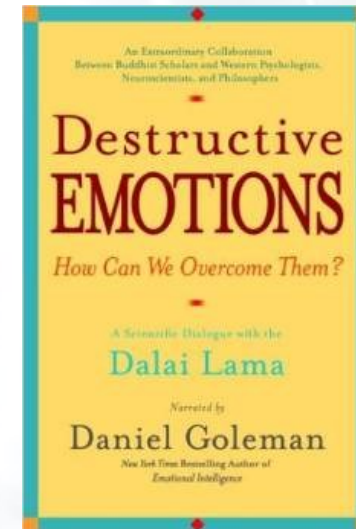
Before the driving teacher can enter and help the learner drivers to analyze their driving behaviours, he / she has to help him / her to be aware of their emotional state. Without first making a scratch in the surrounding bubble, attempts at a rational analysis will be fruitless.

The emotional fog/blur

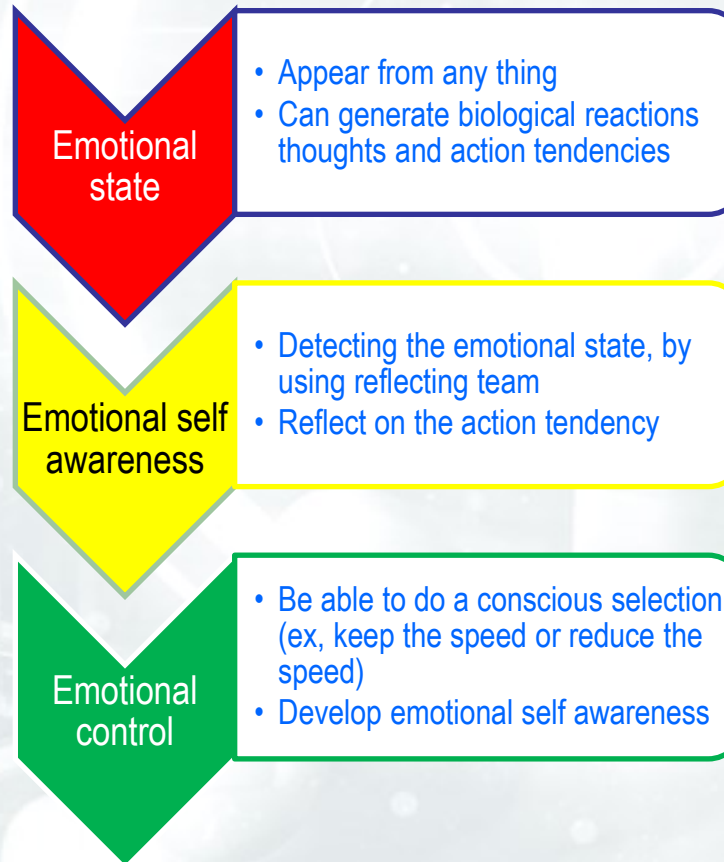


Our approach

- Handling destructive emotions is similar to how the body handles cold. If we have a well prepared immune system, the cold does not affect us so much. It is the same way with emotions. If we have a well prepared immune system, the emotions won't create so much turbulence and imbalance. The main point will be to create a "emotion immune system" .
– Dalai Lama



Our approach



Theoretical framework

- Reflection and reflecting team
- Knowledge, teaching and learning
- Communication, listen carefully and ask questions
- Different learning models
- Care and empathy



Pre guidance
before
driving/theory
lesson, reflecting
team and driving
teacher

Students
writing a
reflection
note



Driving lesson
Reflecting team
in back
seat/classroom

Reflecting team

Driving Teacher
«5 minutes» to
avoid
misunderstandings



Reflecting team
talking «behind
the driving
teacher's back»
after driving
lesson



Affective questions

- Target emotions and experiences
- Use words as feel and experience
- To change the perspective, in a different point of view..
- Affective questions contributes to set focus on reactions, motivation, attitudes and engagement.
- These kind of questions may trigger reactions/feelings that we can not predict

Be more concerned about how to deal with these reactions if they appear than to trigger them.

Samples:

How do you experience.....?

What are your feelings in this situation?

How was your reaction when.....?

Care and Empathy

- Mutual trust
- Active empathy
- Access to help
- Go-ahead-spirit
- No condemnation



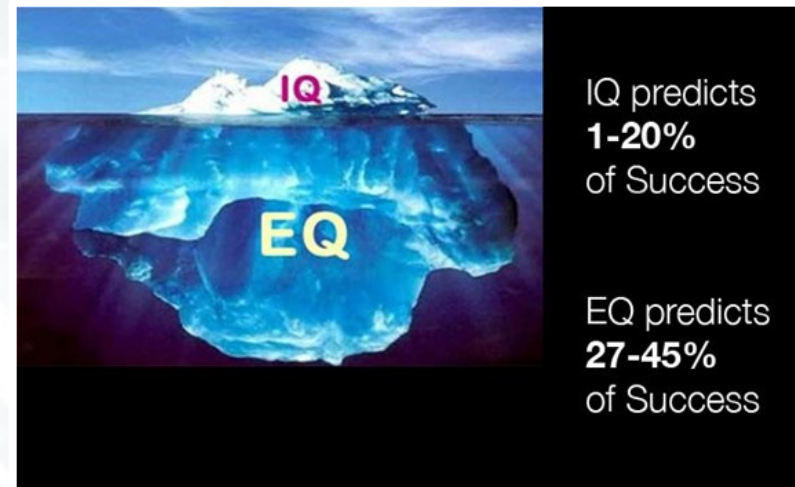
Results and Conclusions

- Learn to talk about emotions
 - Awareness
 - Empathy /listen carefully
 - “I’m a bit worried today”
“I did not know she was stressed, until she said so!”

Traditionally, the rational part of the human intelligence have been taken as a standard for human talent. But new research brings forward that rational thoughts are less valuable if the emotions are not asked for advice.

Daniel Goleman

IQ vs EQ



"IQ alone is not enough; EQ also matters.
(Bressert, 2007)

Conclusion

We must learn how to be aware of - and target the learner driver's state of mind.



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