



**Safe driving for life:**  
changing attitude and behaviour  
through education, training and testing.





# Developmentally Adapted Driver Education A pilot in the Netherlands

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# Overview

- Background and purposes
- The Developmentally Adapted Education program
- Evaluation study
- Results
- How to move on



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## Background and purposes



# Background

- High crash risk young licensed drivers
- Risk peak: first 12 months of solo driving
- Competence related causes



# Accident causes young novice drivers

Errors in attention



Visual search  
Hazard recognition



Speed relative  
to conditions



# Accident causes young novice drivers



Emergency maneuvers with high speeds



Conscious risky behavior (a small minority)



Overestimation of own skills



# Two main purposes

- Improved preparation for traffic participation: safe, social, independent
- Permanent learning after licensure:
  - Raising risk awareness in the first risky period
  - Sustaining a safe driving style



# Setting and ambition

- Regional project in the province of Noord-Limburg
- Two regional driving schools implemented the program
- Connect to existing post license driver coaching program
- Ambition: if successful -> country wide implementation
- National stake holders were represented in working groups

