

## 5 Reasons to Take a Defensive Driving Course

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If you or someone you know and love drive or ride in a car, then you know the importance of being able to drive defensively. Defensive driving courses are so important for so many different reasons. Driving defensively allows you to appropriately react to a multitude of situations in time to save the lives of everyone around you. Taking a course in defensive driving will help you to become a safer driver.

1- When considering taking a defensive driving course, it is important to research the options that are available to you. The most common type is the still the traditional, classroom type course. However, with today's technology classes are becoming popular both as online and correspondence courses.

2- One of the most popular reasons to take this type of course should be to improve your driving skills, to increase your chances of not being involved in an accident. Reality, however, proves that the most common reason to participate in a defensive driving course is that it is court ordered. Many times the court will require a driver take a driving course in place of fines or jail time for a driving infraction.

3- Another reason to take a course of this nature is to reduce auto insurance rates. Most insurance companies offer a discount for taking and completing a driving course. The amount of the discount varies among insurance companies, but will be between 2-10% on average. Call your personal auto insurance agent for the amount you could save.

4- The length of time required will vary upon the type of course you choose to participate in. The traditional, classroom type classes run much the same way as a normal school. These will normally run a couple of hours for two or three weeks or they will be in session for on or two all day sessions. Online and correspondence courses are usually the type of course where you work at your own pace.

5- Cost may also be a concern when choosing which type of course to take. A traditional course is generally more expensive than the other types that are available. However, they do have the distinct advantage of a teacher and classmates to ask questions to and receive answers from. If cost is a prohibitive factor in joining a classroom course, then a correspondence or online course could be the answer. These courses are usually less expensive and have the advantage of being able to complete the work at your own pace. John Mancini writes about defensive driving online and offline. You can read more about defensive driving courses and Texas defensive driving schools on his websites.