

The RED (Reality Education for Drivers) Program

Presented by Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in cooperation with the
Texas Department of Transportation

What is the RED Program?

The RED program is a one day hospital based injury prevention program supervised by Hillcrest's Trauma Department Manager, Lori Boyett. The RED Program serves as an educational sentencing alternative for juveniles (ages 15 – 19) who have been identified through the court system along with their parent/legal guardian. These participants will have exhibited risky traffic behavior, endangering themselves or others (speeding, non-use of seatbelts, minors in possession/consumption of alcohol, driving while intoxicated, etc.).

The Components of the Program:

- **The program will be held on the second Saturday of each month (July 12, Aug 9, September 13...) and will last approximately 6 hours.**
- The program is open to participants (ages 15 – 19) and requires the presence of their parents/legal guardian for the first portion of the program. Participants will be from the court systems of Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Hill, Limestone, or McLennan counties.
- All participants will view presentations made by members of trauma staff on the repercussions of risky driving behavior and the common injuries which are associated with such behavior
- Participants will be assigned an 'injury' and outfitted with appropriate restrictive casts. They will be taken on tours of the emergency room, ICU, and MRI facilities where they will be shown the treatment required for crash victims.
- Parents/guardians will debrief at the end of their portion of the program with a social worker/casemanager and be given specific intervention strategies for their child.

Cost of the program:

- This program is administered through TeenSafe, a jointly sponsored program of Hillcrest and TxDOT, and is free of charge to all participants.

How do participants register for the program?

- To register, participants must call and request a registration form, or simply print one from the TeenSafe website. Completed forms should be faxed or e-mailed back to TeenSafe and should be received no later than 7 days before the date of the class. **Classes are limited to 10 students**, so it will be on a first come/first serve basis. To find the next available class date go to the TeenSafe website or call. (See Contact Information)
- At the completion of the program, participants and guardians will be awarded a certificate of completion which may be used as confirmation of their attendance.
- **If a student is not accompanied by a parent/legal guardian the day of the program the student will be refused** and will have to complete the program at the next available date.
- **If a student fails to adhere to the program requirements or is asked to leave the program due to disruptive behavior the student will not receive completion of the program and will need to attend on the next available date.**

Contact Information

- For questions on the program call: 254-202-7333 [254-202-REDD]
- To download a registration form visit: <http://hbmweb/hhs2.cfm?id=353>
- To send completed registration form: **Fax:** 254-202-8879 **OR e-mail:** traumacenter@hillcrest.net