



Diocese of La Crosse

BE SMART-DRIVE SAFE

HOW CAN YOU ASSIST THOSE WHO DRIVE ON BEHALF OF YOUR CHURCH OR SCHOOL TO DRIVE SAFER AND REDUCE YOUR LIABILITY EXPOSURE?

One growing area of liability exposure within the Catholic Church is related to driving and transportation activities. With this in mind, Catholic Mutual Group has developed and is excited to introduce *Be Smart – Drive Safe*.

WHAT IS *BE SMART – DRIVE SAFE*?

Be Smart - Drive Safe is a condensed 18 minute online defensive driving course. This informative – yet entertaining – course will provide the trainee useful information to become a better defensive driver. *Be Smart – Drive Safe* is available at no cost and can be easily accessed and viewed when it is most convenient for the trainee!

HOW DOES *BE SMART – DRIVE SAFE* BENEFIT MY PARISH OR SCHOOL?

By asking any employee or volunteer who drives on behalf of the church or school to take this course, safer transportation will be provided and the church or school will reduce its liability exposure to an auto loss!

HOW DOES *BE SMART – DRIVE SAFE* BENEFIT THE TRAINEE?

The trainee becomes a better defensive driver AND can possibly be eligible for a reduction in their personal insurance rates!

WHO SHOULD TAKE *BE SMART - DRIVE SAFE*?

Ideally, anyone that drives on behalf of your church or school should be asked to take the course.

HOW CAN DRIVER'S ACCESS *BE SMART – DRIVE SAFE*?

Attached is a handout that provides detailed instructions to access the *Be Smart – Drive Safe* training program. This handout can be distributed to anyone that drives on behalf of your church or school.

HOW DO WE ADMINISTER THE *BE SMART – DRIVE SAFE* PROGRAM AT OUR CHURCH OR SCHOOL?

Ideally, the church or school should designate a transportation coordinator(s) at your facility. The transportation coordinator identifies drivers and provides those drivers the *Be Smart - Drive Safe* handout. The transportation coordinator will need to determine the individual(s) who will receive email confirmation that a driver has completed the training. The coordinator then simply adds the email address of the individual(s) to the *Be Smart - Drive Safe* handout.

HOW CAN WE PROPERLY SCREEN THOSE WHO DRIVE FOR OUR CHURCH OR SCHOOL AND DETERMINE IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO DRIVE?

The transportation coordinator will be emailed results to the screening questions completed by the trainee at the end of the training. The coordinator will simply need to take a quick look at the results and any answers printed in "red" will indicate a potential problem driver. In these cases, the trainee should not be allowed to drive on church or school business. As an added bonus, *Be Smart – Drive Safe* can replace the need for the driver to complete the Driver Information Sheet!



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One growing area of liability exposure within the Catholic Church is related to driving and transportation activities. In an effort to reduce this exposure, the Diocese of La Crosse requires all individuals who drive for the Church to take a defensive driving course prior to performing any driving duties. The following course takes less than 20 minutes to complete and training is free. As an added bonus, you may even be able to receive a discount on your personal auto insurance coverage.

Thank you for helping us with our transportation needs!

To begin the course:

- Go to **www.cmqdrivesafe.com**
- Select English or Spanish
- Enter your information in the boxes provided.

**In the last information box “*Email My Results To*”,
please enter the following email address(es):**

- Click “Continue”
- After watching the video program, click the “Continue” button and answer the certification questions
- Click “Finish”
- Your training results will be emailed automatically. You will also receive an email confirmation that you have completed the course.

If you experience any trouble viewing the course, please contact Jenny Hulsen at OPUS. Her direct phone number is (913) 825-1618 and her email address is jenny@opustraining.com. She will be happy to assist you.