

The logo for 'Start Smart' is positioned in the upper left corner. 'START' is written in a large, bold, blue, blocky font with a white outline and a slight shadow. Below it, 'Smart' is written in a red, cursive script font with a white outline and a slight shadow. The background of the slide is a close-up of a hand holding a steering wheel, with a bright yellow light reflecting off the wheel's rim.

Start Smart began as a local program at the Monterey CHP area office in 2002. After seeing much interest and participation by teens and parents, Start Smart developed into a statewide grant funded by the Office of Traffic Safety.

Recently, several counties throughout the state have begun mandating Start Smart attendance to juvenile traffic offenders and/or offering Start Smart attendance as an alternative to traditional traffic schools.



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START SMART PROGRAM



Start Smart program is a driver safety education class which targets new and future licensed teenage drivers between the age of 15 - 19 and their parents/guardians.

START SMART



During a Start Smart class, officers discuss:

- collision avoidance techniques***
- collision causing elements***
- driver/parent responsibilities***
- seat belt restraints***

testimonials are provided by officers who have investigated fatal collisions involving teens, in addition to testimonials from parents whose children have perished in collisions.



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Contact your local CHP office to enroll in a Start Smart class.

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