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A series of events will take place in Peterborough's schools to educate students around road safety.

Experts in road safety will visit schools to talk to primary, secondary and college students about pedestrian, cycle and driver safety.

From January to September 2016, provisional figures show that 59 young people aged 15 and under were injured on Peterborough roads, with 7 suffering serious injuries.

During the same period, 132 people aged from 17 to 25 were injured on the city's roads, 16 of these seriously.

Peterborough City Council's SaferPeterborough Partnership and Prevention and Enforcement Service will lead the educational events.

They will join representatives from Cambridgeshire's emergency services and students from Peterborough Regional College to stage a crash reconstruction on Tuesday 14 February.

This annual event gives young drivers a reminder of the dangers of being behind the wheel by staging a crash reconstruction, workshops and other activities.

The event also teaches young people about how to deal with peer pressure as a new driver, with statistics showing young male drivers are more at risk on the road and have a tendency to drive too quickly and overestimate their driving ability.

Clair George from the Prevention and Enforcement Service said: "Road crashes are the single biggest killer of young people in the UK so educating all students, no matter how young, is really important.

"A number of road safety events are organised each year to help raise awareness of common dangers and the importance of staying safe on our roads.

"These events include plays for primary and secondary school pupils that deliver important messages, such as drink-driving, speed and the use of illegal drugs.

"You don't have to be in the vehicle to suffer the consequences of an accident as walking to school and going out to play with friends all bring new risks for school pupils.

A pedestrian and cycling event in partnership with Skanska takes place at Arthur Mellows Village College, in Glinton, Peterborough on Tuesday 31 January.

A Young Driver Day will be held at Arthur Mellows Village College on Friday 3 February. This will include workshops around the dangers of drugs and alcohol and driving. The same event will take place at St John Fisher Catholic High School on Friday 3 March.

The road safety team will then visit 25 primary schools in Peterborough. The focus for Year 3 and 4 pupils will be on road awareness and safe crossing. Year 6 pupils will be taught about the change from primary to secondary school and how to manage with a new route to school. The visits will take place during the weeks commencing Monday 6 February and Monday March 20.

Station Commander Vicky Best, from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, added: "As a fire service we attend lots of road traffic collisions every year and we see the far-reaching impact that they have on people as incidents, not just on those involved but on friends and family too. These events are hugely important as they help teach young people the consequences of their actions and allow us as a fire service to help educate young people in safer driving practices and better road safety awareness, thereby hopefully helping to reduce the number of road traffic collisions across the county each year."

To find out more about road safety in schools visit the [Think! website \(http://think.direct.gov.uk/\)](http://think.direct.gov.uk/).