



Safe Driving Tips

Dangerous Driving Habits

Did You Know?

With summer approaching, teen drivers will have more opportunity to use their new driving skills. But over 33% of new teen drivers are in a crash their first year and 4 out of 5 teen crashes are due to driver error. Research shows there are several dangerous driving habits that contribute to teen crashes or lessened driver safety and injuries:

- Excessive speed
- Driver distraction (e.g. cell phone use while driving or too many passengers in the vehicle, popular among teens especially in summer)
- Tailgating
- Aggressive driving
- Not wearing a seat belt
- Drug and alcohol impairment

What You Can Do

Don't let your teen start *any* bad habits this summer:

- Learn how to spot and correct these habits in your teen driver at <http://coaching.topdriver.com>
- "Practice what you preach" - be a good driving role model and do not reflect any of these traits in your driving
- If your teen exhibits such behavior and:
 - Is driving on a permit, consider additional professional lessons and/or additional practice driving with you. If these behaviors persist, don't allow them to test for a license until you are confident they have been eliminated.
 - Has obtained their license, consider restrictions or revoking driving privileges until such behaviors are eliminated.

For a summary of all the parent resources available from Top Driver, visit:
<http://topdriver.com/forparents/overview.aspx>

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