

Driving tips teens should heed

You've passed the test, your license has been issued and you're ready to enter the roadways. After all, once you have that laminated plastic card you're a driver, right?

Actually, a driver's license should really be called an "operator's license," because up to this point you really only know how to perform the basic functions of operating the car, but you need to get some first-hand experience under your belt. Here are some informative tips from www.teendriving.com especially designed for teens by a teen-ager who knows firsthand what new drivers should look for.

School Daze

You may think it's the ideal time to goof off with friends and show off your new set of wheels, but you should be extra cautious when driving around school grounds.

- Get to school five to 10 minutes early and leave five minutes late to avoid the mad dash into and out of the parking lots. Many accidents happen when kids are rushing to and from classes.

- If your school lot has perpendicular spaces (not angle parking), park in a space you can pull straight out of instead of having to back out. Backing out in crowded lots is tricky. However, in some states, pulling straight through a parking space is illegal — so check your local traffic laws before using this tip.

- Always stop for school buses with flashing lights. The flashing lights

mean that students are either getting on or off the bus, and they may be crossing the street. Their safety depends on cars obeying this law.

Out and About

Here are some safety precautions for driving around town.

- Avoid making left-hand turns across busy intersections that don't have turn signals. It takes a while to learn how to gauge the oncoming traffic.

- Don't make assumptions about what other drivers are going to do.

- Watch out for aggressive drivers and try to stay out of their way. They are the cause of many accidents, especially on highways.

- Don't cause another car's driver to slam on the brakes by pulling out in front of the car or swerving into another lane.

Stormy Weather

Bad weather requires specialized driving techniques.

- Turn your headlights on anytime you need to turn your windshield wipers on. It will increase your visibility and help others see you.

- Double the space you normally leave between you and the next car. It's harder to stop on slick roads.

- Brake gently. Do not pump your brakes if you have ABS (anti-lock braking system).

- Remember to always wear your seat belt, avoid speed excess and don't drive like you own the road. These simple tips can help save your life and others riding along with you.

Feed them breakfast.

Put their coats on, and tie their shoes.

Collect 2 backpacks, 1 diaper bag and a few toys.

Buckle everyone in.

Start the car.

Turn the car off.

Take your three year-old back in to the house so she can use the "potty" AGAIN!

Rebuckle EVERYONE back in.

Drive to the service centre while trying to avoid World War 3 from erupting in your backseat.

Give your keys to your technician.

Transfer 2 backpacks, 1 diaper bag, 1 car seat and a few toys into the service vehicle.

Drive home.

Bring 3 kids, 2 backpacks, 1 diaper bag and a few toys in the house.

Just get the kids settled in the family room...

And the phone rings.

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