

Is It Safe?



Teen Passenger Survival Tips

So you or your friend have passed the driver's road test and can drive unsupervised. Before riding with a teen driver or driving with other teens in the car, think twice.

- ▶ **Most teens killed in crashes were riding in vehicles driven by another teen.**
- ▶ **Crashes involving teen drivers kill the highest number of people in all age groups.**
- ▶ **Teens driving at night with passengers are 4–5 times more likely to crash than teens driving alone during the day.**
- ▶ **Even having only one teen passenger in the car increases the risk of a crash if a licensed adult driver is not present.**

✓ TEEN DRIVER CHECKLIST

- Drive sober.
- Avoid driving when tired.
- Give driving your full attention.
- Make sure everyone in the car is buckled up properly.
- Drive within the speed limit and follow traffic laws.
- Avoid night driving with other teen passengers, especially on weekends.
- Avoid giving rides to young children and younger brothers and sisters, even on short trips.

✓ PASSENGER SAFETY CHECKLIST

When riding in a car, remember to buckle up and be courteous to the driver. Before accepting a ride with someone, think about the following questions:

- Has this person had a driver's license for less than six months?
- Has the driver ever had a traffic ticket or been in a crash?
- Does the driver use a cell phone or play loud music when driving?
- Does the driver speed, follow other cars too closely, or drive in other reckless ways?
- Is the driver under the influence of alcohol or other drugs?
- Does the driver try to impress others through their driving?
- Does the driver and/or his/her passengers ride unbuckled?
- Is the car full of teens?

IF THE ANSWER IS YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, IS IT WORTH THE RISK?

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