



Parents with Teen Drivers:

- **Don't rely solely on driver's education classes**

It takes a long time, a lot of practice and a lot of instruction to develop a new skill.

- **Know the law**

Know the restrictions on beginning drivers. Enforce the rules.

- **Restrict night driving**

Most young drivers' nighttime fatal crashes occur from 9 p.m. to 12a.m. Late outings tend to be recreational, and even teens who usually follow the rules can be easily distracted or encouraged to take risks

- **Restrict passengers**

Teen passengers in a vehicle can distract a beginning driver and/or lead to greater risk-taking.

- **Require safety belt use**
- **Prohibit drinking**
- **Remember, you're a role model**

Additional resources:

www.drivingskillsforlife.com

www.michigan.gov/sos

www.legislature.mi.gov

www.a2gov.org

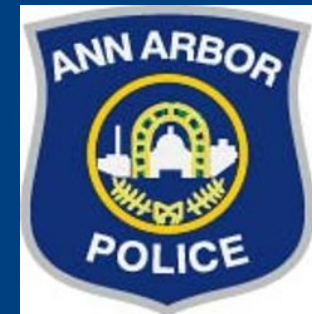
www.michigantrafficcrashfacts.org

www.nhtsa.gov



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For your Traffic Safetyalways remember

Before you start the car

- Check/adjust your mirrors.
- Clear your windows of all vision obstructions
- Walk around your vehicle, make sure that you look for small children
- BUCKLE UP!

Don't be an aggressive driver

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) defines aggressive driving as "when a driver commits a combination of moving traffic offenses so as to endanger other people or property".

NHTSA has estimated 66 percent of all traffic fatalities are caused by aggressive driving behaviors. Such as:

- Speeding
- Following too closely
- Erratic or unsafe lane changes
- Improperly signaling lane changes
- Failure to obey traffic control devices
- Red light running
- LEAVE ENOUGH TIME TO DRIVE SAFELY TO YOUR DESTINATION

Stay Focused

In 2008, Approximately 20% of all crashes involved some type of distraction. (NHTSA).

Nearly 6,000 people died in 2008 in crashes involving a distracted driver, and more than half a million were injured. (NHTSA)

Using a cell phone use while driving delays a driver's reactions as much as having a blood alcohol limit of .08 percent. (Source: University of Utah)

These distractions include:

- Cell Phones
- Eating
- Smoking
- Your children
- Texting
- Navigational Devices
- Audio Devices
- Other passengers

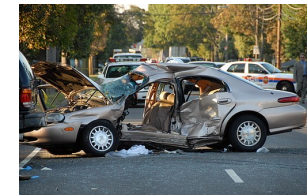
Road Rage What should you do?

- Attempt to get out of the way of the aggressive driver
- Avoid eye contact
- Ignore gestures or verbal attacks.
- If safe to do so, call the police and report the aggressive driver.
- Drive to the nearest police station or populated area.
- DO NOT ENGAGE THE OTHER DRIVER!

Don't Drink and Drive

- Approximately 30% of all fatal traffic crashes nationwide involved a "Drunk Driver"
- In Michigan, 34% of the 806 fatal crashes involved a drunk driver in 2009
- 66.4 percent of all alcohol-related fatal crashes involved one vehicle.
- 28.0% of the drinking drivers in crashes were age 24 and younger.
- Prior to any drinking, designate a sober driver for the group.
- Don't let your friends drive impaired.
- If you have been drinking, get a ride home or call a taxi.
- If you're hosting a party with alcohol, tell your guests to plan ahead and designate a sober driver; non-alcoholic beverages and make sure all guests leave with a sober driver.

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DON'T LET THIS BE YOU!