



YOUR TEEN, YOUR TALK

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

BEFORE THEY DRIVE

BE A ROLE MODEL

Children & Teens learn by example.

If you text or drive unsafely , THEY ARE WATCHING YOU

AGE DOES NOT DETERMINE READINESS

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TALK TO YOUR TEEN ABOUT DISTRACTIONS & DANGERS

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START

ENCOURAGE OPEN AND HONEST COMMUNICATION

especially if they do something you may not approve of -

“All the parents are letting their kids do it” - it isn't true!

Stand your ground!



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BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL: Children and teens are easily influenced by people around them. They are prone to follow rather than listen. If you text and drive or exhibit unsafe driving habits, they are likely to do the same.

AGE DOES NOT DETERMINE READINESS!

Your teen does not need to start driving as soon as they turn the legal age to drive. This is a huge responsibility and could be a huge liability.

PARENTS SHOULD CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- Maturity level
- Decision making skills
- Sense of responsibility

TALK TO YOUR TEENS ABOUT DISTRACTIONS & DANGERS SUCH AS :

- Usage of phone while driving
- Limit of passengers until you determine they are ready
- Drinking/drank driving
- Using drugs/drugged while driving - including over the counter & prescription medications
- Weather conditions
- Fatigue or any other feeling of unwellness

ENCOURAGE OPEN & HONEST COMMUNICATION. (EVEN IF THEY DO SOMETHINGWRONG)

- Communicate that there are consequences to their actions if they break rules you set for them.
- Make sure your teen knows that it is always okay for them to call you, even if they are in a situation you might be upset with. Building trust is key.
- Don't believe that "all the parents are letting their kids do it". It's not true and you aren't "ruining their lives if you make decisions based upon the situation and your child"

GOOD TO KNOW CAR KNOWLEDGE:

- What to do during and after an accident
- How to pump your own gas
- Interior car functions
- How to read dashboard warning signs



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