

Teen Driver Tips for Parents



Lesson 1

Driveway and Parking Lot Task *Heavy Traffic and Crowded Roads*

Purpose: To verify the learning that should have occurred in professional Driver's Education.

Predicted Practice Time: 15 minutes and ongoing

Learning Space: Driveway and Parking Lot

Key Concepts

State-mandated, professional driver's education plays an important part in teaching your young driver about basic car operations. Though the seven hours of in-car time provided has only a limited effect of driver know-how, it teaches some very specific activities.

Advice for Parents

Remind your driver of these things...



I will stop the learning activity if I believe you become distracted, angry or agitated.

Teaching Tips

Use the checklist below to determine that your young driver learned everything he or she should have learned in driver's ed. You can ask your driver to demonstrate each aspect of knowledge or skill in a controlled situation such as a parking lot.

Alternatively, if you are reasonably confident in your driver's abilities, you might choose to keep this checklist along with you during other lessons and check off each skill as you see it demonstrated in normal driving.

The most consistent advice young driver's offer to parent-teachers is "Please don't act nervous; it just makes us more nervous." If you want your young driver to give his or her best performance, keep your "cool."



Driving Checklist

Learning Summary

Tasks can be considered accomplished when they are explained properly or done routinely (a minimum of three times without reminder.)

Task	Accomplished	Needs More Practice
• Pre-start and starting (includes locking doors, adjusting controls and mirrors, wearing seat belt, foot on brake, proper gear selection and short warm up)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Moving forward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Moving backward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Entering traffic (signal, identify gap, safe entry, smooth acceleration and steering)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Right turns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Left turns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Negotiating intersections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Changing lanes (safe gap, signal, look)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Slowing and stopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Parking and securing (proper space selections, proper gear selection, parking brake)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Parking on grades (curb wheels, parking brake, proper gear selection)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Angle parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Parallel parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Turnabouts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Assessing highway conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Response to traffic controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Response to other users	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Passing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Driving in different weather conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Driving at night	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Time spent on activity in minutes: