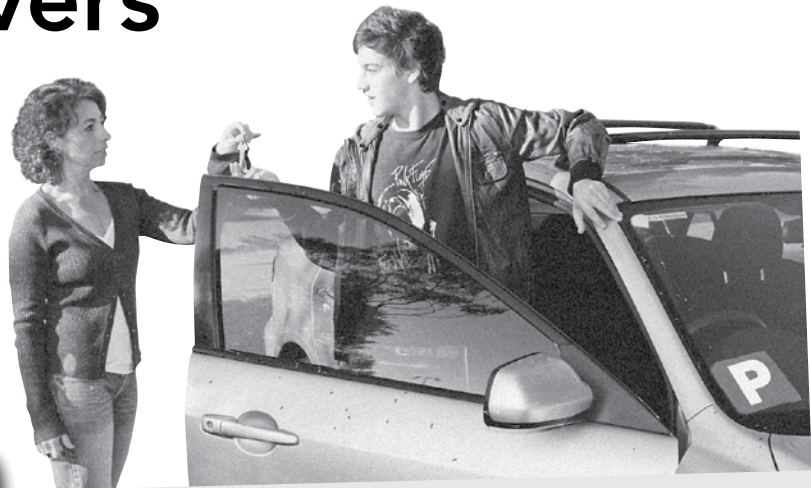


P plate drivers

P plate drivers are still very new to driving so continue encouraging their safe driving.



Getting home safely

Before going out and particularly when partying, spend some time talking with your teenager about about options for getting home safely.

Some ideas:

- Leave the car at home.
- Take enough money to pay for a bus, train or taxi fare.
- Catch a train or bus. Check timetables to avoid waiting at stations or bus stops.
- Share a taxi with a friend.
- Stay overnight with a friend.
- Arrange to be dropped off and picked up by a parent or other responsible adult.
- Take a mobile phone and make sure it is charged.
- Have a list of emergency phone numbers in either a mobile phone or wallet.

Talk about ways your teenager can deal with pressure from friends to drive unsafely or to get into a car with a driver who has been drinking alcohol or using other drugs.

- P plate drivers must plan ahead.
- P plate drivers must drive below or to the posted speed limit, and adapt to driving conditions such as heavy traffic, rain and corrugated roads.
- Be aware that night time is when many young driver crashes occur.
- Gradually increase the number of passengers in the car when on green P plates.

Stay calm and drive safely.

Adapted from Parent fact sheet: *Helping teenagers become safer drivers*, Youthsafe, NSW (2007)