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# SAFETY CHECK

**As a driver you have a responsibility to make sure that the condition of your car isn't putting you, your passengers or other road users at risk.**



Use the **POWER** checklist to check the car for safe driving:

- P**ETROL
- O**IL
- W**ATER
- E**LECTRICS
- R**UBBER



### ON YOUR NEXT TRIP...

- Ask your driver to show you how to do a POWER check. You can try it next time.
- Go with your driver to the petrol station and check the tyres, fill the car with fuel or gas, and clean the windscreen.
- Ask your driver to show you how to change a tyre. If they don't know, Google it. Have a go at changing a tyre.
- Watch what your driver does before they start the car (eg check mirrors, seatbelt on, adjust seat etc).



### ASK YOUR DRIVER TO SHARE WITH YOU...

- What they do regularly to maintain their car.
- How they know when their car is not running right.
- What makes a car roadworthy.
- What they do if they get a flat tyre when driving.
- How often they change the car tyres.
- Which car controls and devices they check regularly.



### STOP & THINK

1 Write down who can help you check a car for faults and roadworthiness.

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2 Write a list of five things you should check on your vehicle to make sure it is roadworthy.

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### GO FOR FIVE!

Your choice of car can make all the difference if you are involved in a crash. Used Car Safety Ratings or ANCAP provide you with a safety rating that shows how well each vehicle protects its driver from death or serious injury in a crash.

**So, if you are thinking of buying a car, check out its safety rating.**



### Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP)

New car safety ratings  
[www.ancap.com.au](http://www.ancap.com.au)

### Used Car Safety Rating (UCSR) system

How safe is your car  
<http://howsafeisyourcar.com.au/Rating-Process/What-is-UCSR/>

3 What type of car do you think you will buy when you start driving? Why?

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4 Does it have a 4 or 5 star rating?

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