



SAFETY TIPS FOR AVOIDING CRASHES

Having a licence = Freedom and independence

Having a licence = Responsibilities

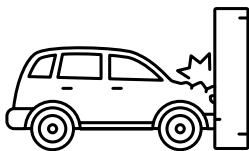
Having a licence = A positive attitude towards safe driving

Having a licence = Complying with the road rules

Most young drivers stay safe however they are statistically more likely to have more crashes and make more errors than more experienced drivers.

Talk with your teenager about how to avoid a crash by using these safety tips.

Avoiding a single vehicle crash (or veering off the road to the left)



1. Take note of and comply with danger signs and hazard signs.
2. Stay on the road. Don't drive off the main part of the road unless slowing down to stop.
3. Stay alert. Don't drive when tired or becoming tired. Be aware of the early signs of fatigue.
4. Drive to the conditions.

Avoiding a crash by turning across another driver's path, or driving straight ahead at an intersection



1. Make eye contact with other drivers.
2. Slow down before entering intersections and look out for turning vehicles.
3. Avoid changing lanes near intersections and never assume that another driver will give way.
4. Always stop at a red light.

Avoiding rear end crashes



1. Concentrate.
2. Don't travel too closely to the car in front even when driving slowly (2 second rule).
3. Stay alert and do not lose concentration even when traffic is not moving or moving slowly.
4. Keep distractions to a minimum.

Be on the look out for pedestrians



1. Slow down near shopping centres, schools and busy pedestrian areas.
2. Slow down and look for pedestrians crossing driveways and between parked cars.
3. Be aware of pedestrian crossings.
4. Where possible, make eye contact with pedestrians crossing the road.

ALWAYS drive to the conditions.

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