

TEN HELPFUL TIPS TO PARENTS



- ❖ **SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.** “Do as I say, not as I do,” no longer works.
 - Complete stops
 - Drive the speed limit
 - Head checks
 - Right of way
 - Yellow lights
 - Seat belts

- ❖ **BE INVOLVED**
 - Discuss what is happening in the safety education course
 - Review text materials and articles to reinforce your teenager’s learning
 - Be alert for discussion opportunities (without lecturing)

- ❖ **BE POSITIVE...BE CLEAR...BE FLEXIBLE...BE FORGIVING**

- ❖ **FOCUS ON CONCENTRATION, COURTESY, JUDGMENT and RESPONSIBILITY!**

- ❖ **SET GROUND RULES** in order to provide the opportunity for students to demonstrate maturity and responsibility.
 - Teach your teen to use seatbelts
 - Insist that your teen controls the speed of the vehicle
 - Prohibit your teen from drinking and driving
 - Require your teen observes curfews
 - Know your teenagers friends and their driving habits

- ❖ **MAKE SURE THE STUDENT IS FAMILIAR WITH ALL CONTROLS AND SAFETY DEVICES WITHIN THE VEHICLE.**

- ❖ **KEEP THE DRIVING TRIPS SHORT AND FREQUENT.**

- ❖ **EXPECT YOUR STUDENT TO MAKE MISTAKES.**
 - Separate physical errors (turning the wheel too soon from mental errors)
 - Look for positive situations to make positive compliments

- ❖ **REFRAIN FROM TALKING TOO MUCH.**
 - Discuss driving route prior to driving
 - Keep the directions simple
 - Give proper advance warning for maneuvers

- ❖ **REMAIN CALM**
 - A soft, steady voice is most helpful
 - Keep a sense of humor