Parents with Teen Drivers:

- Don’t rely solely on driver’s education classes
  
  It takes a long time, a lot of practice and a lot of instruction to develop a new skill.

- Know the law
  
  Know the restrictions on beginning drivers. Enforce the rules.

- Restrict night driving
  
  Most young drivers’ nighttime fatal crashes occur from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Late outings tend to be recreational, and even teens who usually follow the rules can be easily distracted or encouraged to take risks.

- Restrict passengers
  
  Teen passengers in a vehicle can distract a beginning driver and/or lead to greater risk-taking.

- Require safety belt use

- Prohibit drinking

- Remember, you’re a role model

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Additional resources:

www.drivingskillsforlife.com
www.michigan.gov/sos
www.legislature.mi.gov
www.a2gov.org
www.michigantrafficcrashfacts.org
www.nhtsa.gov

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For your Traffic Safety … always remember

Before you start the car
- Check/adjust your mirrors.
- Clear your windows of all vision obstructions
- Walk around your vehicle, make sure that you look for small children
- **BUCKLE UP!**

Don’t be an aggressive driver
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) defines aggressive driving as "when a driver commits a combination of moving traffic offenses so as to endanger other people or property".

NHTSA has estimated 66 percent of all traffic fatalities are caused by aggressive driving behaviors. Such as:
- Speeding
- Following too closely
- Erratic or unsafe lane changes
- Improperly signaling lane changes
- Failure to obey traffic control devices
- Red light running
- **LEAVE ENOUGH TIME TO DRIVE SAFELY TO YOUR DESTINATION**

Stay Focused
In 2008, Approximately 20% of all crashes involved some type of distraction. (NHTSA).

Nearly 6,000 people died in 2008 in crashes involving a distracted driver, and more than half a million were injured. (NHTSA)

Using a cell phone use while driving delays a driver's reactions as much as having a blood alcohol limit of .08 percent. (Source: University of Utah)

These distractions include:
- Cell Phones
- Eating
- Smoking
- Your children
- Texting
- Navigational Devices
- Audio Devices
- Other passengers

Road Rage What should you do?
- Attempt to get out of the way of the aggressive driver
- Avoid eye contact
- Ignore gestures or verbal attacks.
- If safe to do so, call the police and report the aggressive driver.
- Drive to the nearest police station or populated area.
- **DO NOT ENGAGE THE OTHER DRIVER!**

Don’t Drink and Drive
- Approximately **30%** of all fatal traffic crashes nationwide involved a "Drunk Driver"
- In Michigan, **34%** of the 806 fatal crashes involved a drunk driver in 2009
- **66.4%** percent of all alcohol-related fatal crashes involved one vehicle.
- 28.0% of the drinking drivers in crashes were age 24 and younger.
- Prior to any drinking, designate a sober driver for the group.
- Don’t let your friends drive impaired.
- If you have been drinking, get a ride home or call a taxi.
- If you’re hosting a party with alcohol, tell your guests to plan ahead and designate a sober driver; non-alcoholic beverages and make sure all guests leave with a sober driver.
- **DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE!**
- **DON’T LET THIS BE YOU!**