

STEPS TO A SAFE TEEN DRIVER



STEP 1



CHILD (Age 3–10)
Model safe driving behaviors

- **Seat belt.** Everyone, every trip wears a seat belt.
- **Eliminate distractions.** Parents should not use the phone, eat, read or do anything they wouldn't want their teen driver to do while driving.
- **Courteous attitude.** Parents must demonstrate courteous & patient driving behavior.

STEP 2



TWEEN (Age 10–15)
Continue to model safe driving behaviors

- **Teach.** Share defensive driving examples when riding together in vehicle
- **Conversation.** Begin discussing future driving expectations with your teen

STEP 3



TEEN
Instructional driving permit

- **Graduated Driver Licensing Law (GDL).** Know & enforce the GDL law protections. www.reduceohcrashes.com/teen-driver-laws
- **Log more than 50 hours of drive time in the vehicle with teen driver.**
TIME = EXPERIENCE = LOWER CRASH RATES
- **Use Resources.** Parents should use proven resources to assist in teaching teens to drive.
 - **DRVN App** drvnapp.com
The DRVN app tracks time, helps structure driving lessons, and strengthens your teen's understanding through skill checks.
 - **AAA Keys to Drive** teendriving.aaa.com/OH
AAA offers tools and resources to help facilitate the learning-to-drive process for parents of new and futur teen drivers.

STEP 4



TEEN
New licensed driver

RESOURCES:

- **Checkpoints Program Young Driver Parenting Agreement** youngdriverparenting.org
- **Life360** life360.com Driver Reports give a snapshot of how (and what) your drivers are doing on the road.
- **MOTOSafety** motosafety.com Call now! Know they've arrived safely. Monitor speeding, harsh braking and rapid starts. Track from your phone.
- **Better Ohio Teen Drivers** betterohio-teendrivers.org
- **Mid-Ohio Teen Defensive Driving** midohio.com/courses/defensive-driving/teen-defensive-driving

- **Student Driver.** A new teen driver is still an inexperienced student driver
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- **Driving Contract.** Parents and teen should make a driving contract outlining agreed upon expectations and consequences.
- **Mentor.** Parents must continue to teach defensive driving to new teen drivers. Continue to spend time riding in the vehicle with a newly licensed teen driver.
- **Monitor.** Teen driving apps are merely applications that you install on your teen's phone to monitor or prevent specific behaviors that could cause dangerous driving conditions.
- **Additional Training.** Teens should participate in a teen defensive driving program that provide driving techniques not found in a typical driver's education class.

TEEN DRIVER PARENT TASK FORCE

