

Pointers For Parents

Help Teens Learn Driving

(NAPSA)—When it's time for your teens to get their learner's permits and driver's licenses, here's a hint on how you can help: Don't teach them yourself. Leave that to the professionals.

How Teens Can Learn

This is made easier with an online driver's test program. It uses accurate, up-to-date questions based on the official state DMV handbook and traffic laws. The questions are often identical to those on the official driver's license test.



Keeping young drivers on the road to safety are DMV testing programs and parent-driver contracts.

As a result, aspiring drivers who take the practice tests and read the DMV manual are 73 percent more likely to pass the official test than those who study the manual alone. The program is called Driving-Tests.org and can be found at <https://driving-tests.org>.

What You Can Do

One good thing you can do as a parent is create a parent-driver contract. It helps form an open line of communication about the importance of safety and the expectations that come with the new and profound responsibility of driving.

Among other things, the young driver promises to follow all traffic and safety rules, never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs or ride with any driver who is, and avoid distracted driving such as texting or talking on the phone while driving.

The parents promise to provide and maintain a safe vehicle, pay for driver training classes and materials, be available to ride along, pick the young person up or arrange a ride home whenever necessary regardless of the time or situation, and lead by example by exhibiting safe driving behavior.

You can download the contract at <https://driving-tests.org/parent-driver-contract.pdf>.