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Teen Driving Safety Tips

Driving is an exciting milestone, but it comes with serious responsibilities. Keep these safety tips in mind every time you get behind the wheel:

1. Always Buckle Up

- Seat belts save lives! Make it a habit to buckle up as soon as you get in the car.
- Ensure all passengers are buckled up before driving.

2. Stay Focused

- **Avoid Distractions:** Put your phone away, no texting, no scrolling, no selfies.
- **Limit Passengers:** More passengers mean more distractions. Stick to the limits of your state's graduated licensing laws.

3. Obey Speed Limits

- Speeding reduces your ability to react to sudden situations.
- Drive at a safe speed, especially in bad weather or heavy traffic.

4. Never Drive Under the Influence

- Alcohol, drugs, or even some prescription medications can impair your driving.
- If you're impaired, call a friend, family member, or ride service for help.

5. Practice Defensive Driving

- Always expect the unexpected from other drivers.
- Keep a safe distance between your car and the one ahead of you.

6. Follow Graduated Licensing Rules

- Adhere to curfews and passenger restrictions as required by your state.
- These laws are in place to help you gain experience safely.

7. Be Aware of Weather Conditions

- Rain, snow, and fog can make driving more dangerous.
- Slow down and turn on your headlights to increase visibility.

8. Keep Your Vehicle Maintained

- Regularly check your tires, brakes, and lights.
- Ensure your windshield wipers are in good condition and your gas tank is not running low.

9. Stay Calm and Patient

- Avoid aggressive driving, such as tailgating or cutting off other vehicles.
- If someone else is aggressive, let them pass and maintain your focus.

10. Prepare for Emergencies

- Carry a phone charger, a flashlight, and a roadside emergency kit.
- Know how to change a tire and what to do in case of an accident.

Driving is a privilege that requires responsibility, focus, and maturity. Following these tips will help you stay safe and build confidence as a new driver.

Drive smart. Drive safe. Your life matters!