

"Drive Safer!" Here's How

Driving to and from school may be as dangerous for your teen as driving home after a party on Friday or Saturday night.

Did you know?

- Each year about 800 children are killed in motor vehicle crashes during school commutes.
- The most dangerous way to school is in a car driven by a teenager.
- Teenage drivers account for only 14 percent of transportation to and from school, but 55 percent of traffic deaths.

3 p.m.-6 p.m.

- If your child drives between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., your child is on the road during one of the deadliest times of the day.
- Before handing over the keys, know the route, limit passengers, and remove distractions from your child's car.



Parents' checklist:

- Discuss the safest route to and from school.
- Limit passengers to siblings only.
- Remove distractions such as radio and cell phones.
- Visit www.AllenCountyDriveAlive.org for more tips!

Discuss their route before they go out!

This table, from the Traffic Engineering Department, shows some of the most dangerous local intersections. The most relevant number is the Rate per Million Vehicles (RMV). This figure shows the rate of accidents relative to the traffic at the intersection; how accident-prone an intersection is. The raw number of accidents (ACCD) is a bit less relevant, because some high traffic intersections will have more crashes just by virtue of the high volume of traffic.

Suggest to your child an alternate route or discuss how to navigate accident prone intersections.



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LOCATION	R.M.V.	ACCD	A.D.T.
1. 6100 Covington Rd.	3.25	14	11800
2. Coldwater Rd. & I-69 Ramp (Signal)	2.56	21	22500
3. 2000 Broadway	2.40	14	16000
4. Ewing St. & Main St.	2.21	17	22000
5. Coliseum Blvd. & Washington Blvd.	2.01	43	58500
6. 700 East Coliseum Blvd.	1.97	33	46000
7. 4800 Coldwater Rd.	1.80	21	32000
8. 1800 Bluffton Rd.	1.79	17	26000
9. Calhoun St. & Main St.	1.73	14	22200
10. Coliseum Blvd. & Crescent Ave.	1.70	36	58000
11. Anthony Blvd. & Washington Blvd.	1.57	16	28000
12. Dupont Rd. & I-69 East Ramp	1.53	20	35800
13. Interstate 69, 111 Mile Marker	1.46	32	60000
14. 1700 East Coliseum Blvd.	1.37	24	48000
Lafayette St. & Rudisill Blvd.	1.37	16	32000
Hobson Rd. & State Blvd.	1.37	15	30000
300 East Washington Center Rd.	1.37	14	28000
18. Clinton St. & Rudisill Blvd.	1.28	15	32000
2800 St. Joe Center Rd.	1.28	15	32000
Anthony Blvd. & Crescent Ave.	1.28	14	30000
1300 East Washington Center Rd.	1.28	14	30000
22. Lafayette St. & Washington Blvd.	1.27	20	43000
Lafayette St. & Pettit Ave.	1.27	15	32250
Clinton St. & State Blvd.	1.27	21	45250
25. Coldwater Rd. & Washington Ctr. Rd.	1.26	29	63000

R.M.V. - Accident Rate Per Million Vehicles

A.D.T. - Average Daily Traffic Thru Location

Source: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the National Research Council Accessed July 2007

SAFE-DRIVING CONTRACT

PART 1 DRIVING CONDITIONS

- In the table, complete one Checkpoint at a time. Start with Checkpoint 1. Discuss and assign Unsupervised Driving Privileges for Checkpoint 1. Use the recommendations or write in your own.
- Decide how long Checkpoint 1 privileges should remain in effect. Use the recommendation or select your own time period. Based on the length of time you agree on, write in the date to review teen progress.
- Fill in the chart below and post it where it will be an easy reminder.

- On the review date, consider moving to the next Checkpoint if teen passed the Quick Check:
 - If teen progress is not satisfactory, set another review date for the current Checkpoint.
 - If teen progress is satisfactory, discuss and assign Unsupervised Driving Privileges for the next Checkpoint. Then decide on the time period and write in the review date. Continue until you have completed all four Checkpoints.

QUICK CHECK. DID TEEN...

- ✓ Follow unsupervised driving privileges?
- ✓ Have enough supervised driving practice?
- ✓ Advance in driving skills and judgment?
- ✓ Obey traffic laws?
- ✓ "Check in" with parent before driving event?
- ✓ Take no unnecessary risks?
- ✓ Rarely lose driving privileges?

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UNSUPERVISED DRIVING PRIVILEGES

PRIVILEGES		Checkpoint 1	Checkpoint 2	Checkpoint 3	Checkpoint 4
NIGHTTIME		Sundown or 9 pm	10 pm	11 pm	Midnight
TEEN PASSENGERS	Daytime	None	1, sometimes	1	
	Nighttime		None	1, sometimes	
WEATHER	Daytime	Dry	Dry, light rain	Moderate Conditions	
	Nighttime		Dry	Dry, light rain	
ROAD TYPES	Daytime	Neighborhood	Local	All but highways	
	Nighttime		Neighborhood	Local	
RECOMMENDED TIME IN EFFECT		FIRST 6 MONTHS AFTER LICENSURE	NEXT 1-3 MONTHS	NEXT 3-6 MONTHS	NEXT 3-6 MONTHS
NEXT REVIEW DATE					

PART 2 DRIVING RULES AND CONSEQUENCES

- Read, discuss, and put into effect each rule.
- Discuss the EXAMPLE VIOLATIONS and write in possible CONSEQUENCES.

Teen did not tell a parent where he was going, who would be the passenger, and when he would return.

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____

Teen did not call home when more than _____ minutes late.

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____

Teen did not call home when plans changed while she was out.

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____

Teen did not call home when he could not get home safely.

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____

Teen got a ticket for speeding.

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____

Teen used alcohol or other drugs and drove.

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____

Teen rode with a person who drove after using alcohol or other drugs.

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____

Teen rode in a car where alcohol or drug use occurred.

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____

Teen failed to wear seatbelt as driver or passenger.

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____

Teen did not make all passengers wear a seatbelt.

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____

Teen drove aggressively. (e.g., speeding, tailgating, or cutting others off.)

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____

Teen played around with passengers or messed around with radio.

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____

Teen drove when overly tired, angry or upset.

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____

Teen talked on cell phone while driving.

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____

Teen violated the agreed-upon passenger restriction.

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____

RULE 4: MAINTAIN OPEN COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS. CONSEQUENCES

Teen resisted weekly 5-Alive discussion.

Lose driving privileges for ___ months/years OTHER: _____