

## ***TIPS FOR PARENTS FOR PRACTICE DRIVING SESSIONS***

1. Your student will have only 6 hours of behind-the-wheel driving in driver education. You should provide him/her with countless hours of driving practice during the next year. Practice with your student in many different driving situations.



*Limit the number of passengers in the car while he/she is practicing.*

2. You should begin with simple tasks and become more complex as your student gains in skill and confidence.

*(Example: don't start your first day as a supervisor in heavy traffic.)*



3. Keep your cool. Remember that your teen is a beginning driver and will make mistakes. Compliment your student frequently because this will help to build confidence. Errors should be pointed out and corrected but this should be done in a relaxed manner.



4. Plan your routes. Have a plan. Don't just "ride around".

5. Practice such maneuvers as three-point turn, two-point turn, braking, parking, turning at lights over and over.



*Repetition is a good teaching technique.*

6. Give directions clearly and well in advance.

7. Insist on a huge following distance. In driver education your student was taught to maintain at least a three-seconds following distance. However, for an inexperienced driver, this is not enough.



8. Do not permit your student to drive 55 on narrow county roads. We recommend 45 until your student gets more.

9. Practice pulling/turning into traffic. Traffic should not be checked until the car is stopped at the stop sign. Once the car is stopped, check the traffic on the left side to begin with followed by right side and left again. Double check traffic.



10. Set a good example. Talk about and practice defensive driving.