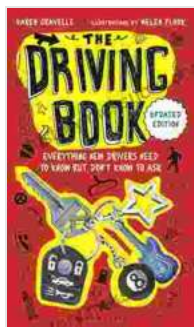


Everything New Drivers Need To Know But Don't Know To Ask

Getting your driver's license is a rite of passage for many young people. It's a symbol of independence and freedom, and it can open up a whole new world of possibilities. However, there are also a lot of things that new drivers don't know that they need to know. Here are a few of the most important things that every new driver should keep in mind:

1. Be aware of your surroundings

When you're driving, it's important to be aware of everything that's going on around you. This includes other cars, pedestrians, cyclists, and road signs. You need to be able to anticipate potential hazards and react quickly to avoid accidents.



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One of the best ways to improve your situational awareness is to practice driving in a variety of different conditions. Drive in the city, on the highway, and in rural areas. Drive during the day and at night. The more experience you have, the better you'll be at spotting potential hazards.

2. Obey the speed limit

Speeding is one of the leading causes of car accidents. It's important to obey the speed limit for your own safety and the safety of others.

In addition to the risk of accidents, speeding can also lead to tickets and fines. If you're caught speeding, you could lose your license or even go to jail.

3. Don't drink and drive

Drinking and driving is a deadly combination. Alcohol impairs your judgment and coordination, which makes it difficult to drive safely.

If you're caught drinking and driving, you could face serious consequences, including jail time, fines, and loss of your license.

4. Wear your seatbelt

Wearing your seatbelt is one of the most important things you can do to protect yourself in a car accident. Seatbelts help to keep you in your seat and prevent you from being ejected from the vehicle.

In addition to saving your life, wearing your seatbelt can also reduce your risk of serious injuries. If you're not wearing your seatbelt, you're more likely to suffer a head injury, spinal cord injury, or other life-threatening injuries.

5. Be prepared for emergencies

No matter how careful you are, there's always the potential for an emergency when you're driving. That's why it's important to be prepared.

Here are a few things you should keep in your car in case of an emergency:

- First-aid kit
- Jumper cables
- Tire repair kit
- Flashlight
- Extra clothes and shoes
- Water
- Food

If you're ever involved in an accident, it's important to stay calm and assess the situation. If you or anyone else is injured, call 911 immediately.

6. Know your car

It's important to know how your car works so that you can troubleshoot problems and make repairs when necessary.

Here are a few things you should know about your car:

- How to check the oil, coolant, and other fluids
- How to change a tire

- How to jumpstart your car
- Where the spare tire and jack are located

If you don't know how to do these things, ask a friend or family member to teach you. You can also find tutorials online or at your local library.

7. Be courteous to other drivers

It's important to be courteous to other drivers, even if they're not being courteous to you.

Here are a few tips for being a courteous driver:

- Use your turn signals
- Yield to pedestrians and cyclists
- Don't tailgate
- Let other drivers merge into traffic
- Be patient

Being courteous to other drivers makes the roads safer for everyone.

8. Drive defensively

Driving defensively means anticipating potential hazards and taking steps to avoid them.

Here are a few tips for driving defensively:

- Keep a safe following distance

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Anticipate the actions of other drivers
- Be prepared to react to sudden changes
- Avoid distractions

Driving defensively can help you avoid accidents and keep yourself and your passengers safe.

9. Get enough sleep

When you're tired, your reaction time is slower and your judgment is impaired. This makes it more difficult to drive safely.

Most adults need around 7-8 hours of sleep per night. If you're not getting enough sleep, you're more likely to have an accident.

Make sure to get enough sleep before you drive, especially if you're going to be driving for a long period of time.

10. Avoid distractions

Distracted driving is one of the leading causes of car accidents. When you're distracted, you're not paying attention to the road and you're more likely to make mistakes.

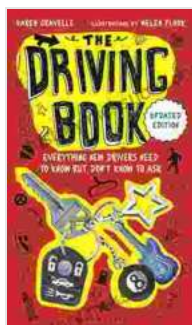
Here are a few things that can distract you while driving:

- Talking on the phone
- Texting

- Eating
- Drinking
- Adjusting the radio
- Looking at billboards

It's important to avoid distractions while driving. If you need to do something that will take your attention away from the road, pull over to a safe place first.

Getting your driver's license is a big responsibility. It's important to be aware of the risks involved and to take steps to protect yourself and others. By following these tips, you can help to reduce your risk of being involved in a car accident.



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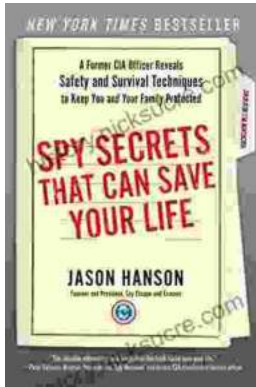
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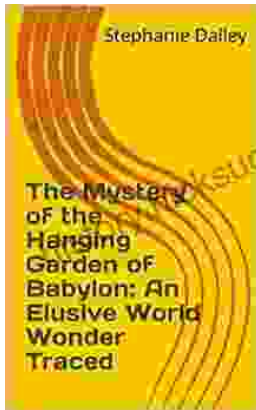
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