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Parent Involvement is Critical

Teen drivers are more likely than any other age group to be involved in a fatal crash due to inexperience and maturity. Parents have spent the last 19 months focused on their children’s health and safety during the pandemic. That attention to safety can easily extend to driving – and the best way to do that is for parents and teens to work together to ensure young drivers build the skills necessary to keep themselves and everyone else on the road safe.”

The past year and a half have been challenging for many families due to pandemic-induced social, economic and transportation upheavals. Offers three key recommendations for parents of teen drivers that can positively impact their child’s safety:

Know and enforce Utah Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) law, which phases in driving privileges as teens gain more experience. Research confirms the effectiveness of GDL laws in reducing fatalities involving teen drivers. Additional information about state GDL and novice driver laws can be found [here](#).

Schedule regular driving practice with your teen, even after they’re licensed to drive without supervision. Teens whose parents actively monitor their driving are less likely to be involved in a crash and to engage in risky behaviors such as speeding, driving impaired or distracted, and not buckling up.

Collaborate with your teen to create and enforce a [parent-teen driving agreement](#) (PTDA) that clearly states the rules and the consequences for violating them. Posting the PTDA in a location where everyone will see it, such as on the refrigerator or adjacent to the car keys, will help to reinforce its importance.

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Keep Teen Driving Safety Message Going!

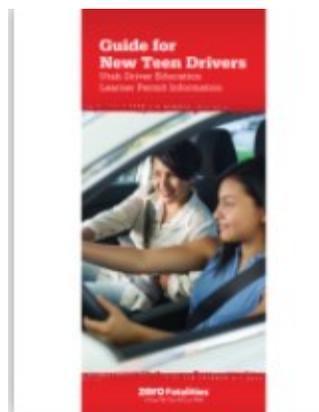
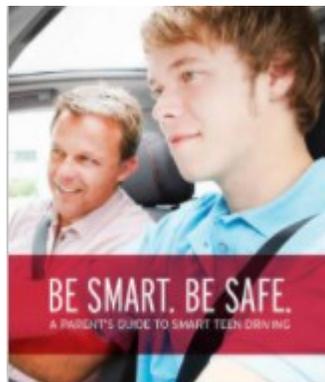
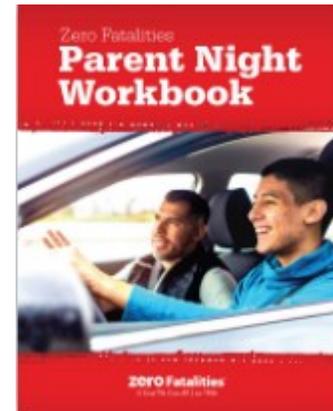
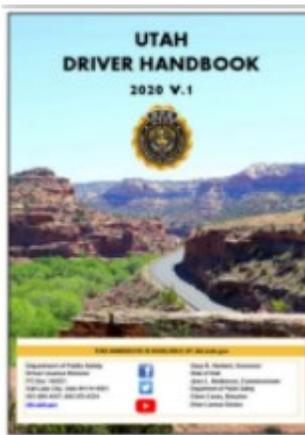
Last month was National Teen Driver Safety Week. For us this is every week, continue to encourage parents to have conversations with their teens about the important rules they need to follow to stay safe behind the wheel of a motor vehicle. These rules address the greatest dangers for teen drivers: alcohol, lack of experience, inconsistent or no seat belt use, distracted and drowsy driving, speeding, and number of passengers.

Here are some valuable resources.

Teen driving toolkit: [Click Here](#)

New Zero Fatalities message to parents of permit holders: [Click Here](#)

Current Teen Memoriam is available: [Click Here](#)



Honda Offers \$2M Grant for Programs Promoting Teen Driver Safety & Education

New Teen Driver Education Funding Opportunity

Honda recently announced a new program specifically supporting programs promoting teen driver safety and education with **\$2 million** in funding available to eligible U.S. organizations (including non-profits and public/private schools). These programs are expected to include education, training and resources that supplement or go beyond traditional driver's training courses or mandated state driver's programs.

Applications will be accepted through Nov. 30, 2021 with awards expected to be issued in Spring 2022. For more information about Honda's U.S. grant programs or to apply, please visit [here](#).