

Road-Sharing Safety: Help Keep Your Teen Safe

DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS,

Your teen has been learning about road-sharing safety for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and e-scooter riders. Ask your teen to share what they've learned about how to stay alert and safe when sharing the road. Talk with your teen about situations in their own lives where they share the road (e.g., biking to school or walking to a friend's house) and consider creating a "Rules of the Road" pledge that all family members will agree to follow when driving, walking, bicycling, or using an e-scooter.

When driving with your family, you can serve as a powerful role model by following these key tips for safe road sharing:

1. Always look out for pedestrians and bicyclists.
2. Put cell phones and other distractions out of sight until you reach your destination.
3. Give pedestrians and bicyclists the right of way and do not underestimate a bicyclist's speed.
4. Look both ways and in your rearview mirrors when making a turn to spot any bicyclists, walkers, or runners who may not be immediately visible.
5. In parking lots, at stop signs, and when backing up or parking, search your surroundings for other vehicles, including bicycles, and for pedestrians.
6. Do not pass bicyclists or pedestrians too closely and only pass when it's safe to move over in your lane.
7. On neighborhood streets, make eye contact with pedestrians and wave them across to let them know you are yielding to them.
8. Always follow the speed limit and do not speed through yellow lights.
9. Be particularly alert and slow down when driving in residential neighborhoods and school zones.
10. Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as at night or in bad weather.

As an additional activity, use these checklists to investigate how your community rates.

- How Walkable is Your Community? nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/walkingchecklist.pdf
- How Bikeable is Your Community? nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/bikabilitychecklist1.pdf

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS DRIVE, CYCLE, AND WALK SAFELY!

