

Answers For The Youngster Who is Learning to Drive

From a teen-ager's point of view, the hardest thing about safe driving is that there's no dramatic result. He gets no particular recognition from his friends for driving safely. There's no great fun in it, and he's constantly in contact with others who drive recklessly or badly — and apparently get away with it. When you drive safely, you just stay alive and save a little money on auto maintenance. It's a long term investment with no big, immediate payoff. Of course, you, as an adult, realize that a mature person can take pleasure in knowing he's doing the right thing whether it makes a big show or not. And more important, if you drive safely, the odds are overwhelmingly in favor of your not having a serious accident. Getting a young driver to appreciate the importance of this, however, isn't an easy thing to do, but we think this article lays the facts right on the line. Even of your youngster never asks these questions, you should still see that he knows the an-

swers to them.

Why do kids have a reputation for bad driving?

Because of lack of driving experience, for one thing. They just haven't had enough near-accidents to realize how quickly and unexpectedly things can happen. Secondly, they don't feel as much responsibility as older people — and they really don't have as much. Married people with children carry their responsibility with them every minute of the day. They usually won't take chances. For this very reason, some insurance companies have a lower premium for married girls with children. The teen-agers' greatest problem, though, is that they feel grown up but are still under many of the restrictions imposed on children. In a car, all that is swept away. They're both powerful and anonymous. Traffic driving is like a game with no umpires except the police, and they're often not on the scene. Besides, the other players will almost always chicken out if pressed hard enough. It's a

perfect game for cowards and have to pay a stiff penalty if they lose, up to and including the loss of their lives, and that they might just get thrown right out of the game for not playing fair.

What else is there besides learning how to drive and learning the traffic laws?

Many safety experts think that the most important single attribute of a good driver is his attitude toward driving. This attitude is something that takes a while to develop. It's a sort of driving maturity; it develops fast in some, slowly or sometimes not at all in others.

Grownups are always saying we lack judgement. How can they be so sure?

All you have to do is to look at traffic accidents statistics that the insurance companies keep. They lose so much on teen-age drivers that they have to charge an extra premium on cars that teen-ager boys drive. **Is there any way I can get my friends to be better drivers?**

Yes, there is. Just let it be known — by little things you say in casual conversation — that you don't approve of bad driving, and that reckless smart-aleck tricks are really only an indication of immaturity. This all sounds a little pompous, but you don't have to put it that way. Just a cas-

ual remark now and then. You probably exert much more influence in your group than you realize. A sensible attitude expressed at the right time can carry a lot of weight.

Do you think teen-age drivers can improve?

They are improving. Kids get better training and have better attitude nowadays. The question is, can they improve fast enough to meet the demands of modern driving? And that's a question teen-agers will have to answer for themselves!

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