

## Safety Brief

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# Coaching the New Driver



**A**ccording to traffic and safety experts, good driving involves these key elements: knowledge, alertness, foresight, judgment and skill.

It's easy to cover the rules of the road and driver etiquette in the classroom, but foresight, skill and good judgment can only be learned through practice. And this is where your help comes in.



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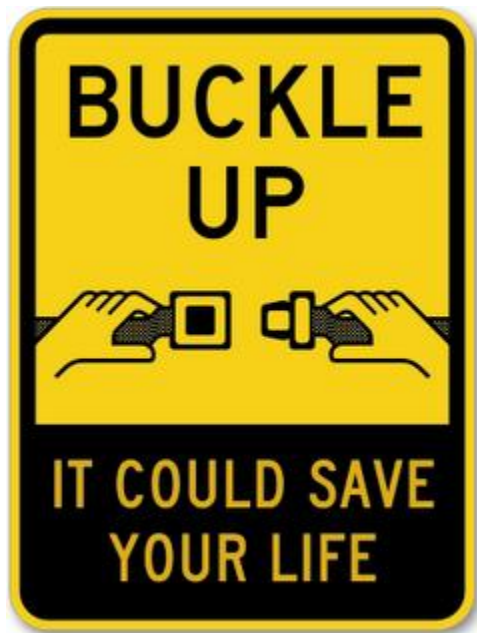
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### Tips for Coaching a New Driver

- Encourage the new driver to anticipate trouble. If he or she is about to make a left turn at a two-way stop sign and an oncoming vehicle is traveling very fast, ask: “Are you sure this vehicle is really going to stop?” Advise your driver to wait and see before turning.
- Have the new driver practice difficult moves. If he or she is having a hard time merging into traffic, find a quiet road and practice.
- Show your new courier how to drive a safe distance behind other vehicles by following the four-second rule. Remind your trainee to check this distance frequently at different speeds.
- Teach your driver to be wary of blind spots—both the driver’s and those of other vehicles. Have your student speed up or slow down to get out of other vehicles’ blind spots.
- Teach your driver what to do in case of a collision. Review the Accident Policy & Procedures. Ensure a current Incident Report is in every vehicle.
- Does your new courier know to check for insurance card and vehicle registration? Discuss these matters thoroughly.
- Buckle up. Let your driver know that most of the 35,000 brain injuries caused by highway crashes each year could have been prevented by wearing safety belts. Use of the seat belt is not only company policy, it’s the law.

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