

Your Teen Driver:
Part1 Pre-Entry Procedures
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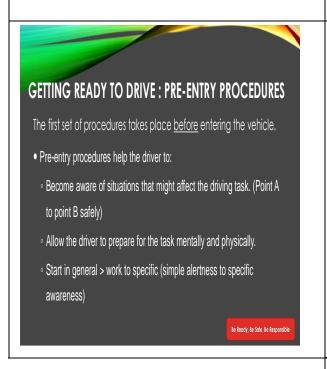
**Driving Procedures** 

Tell the student driver:

### **EXACTLY**

Where you want them to go What you want them to do

BEFORE you want them to do it



### **Getting Ready to Drive**

**Pre-Entry Procedures** 

The first set of procedures takes place before entering the vehicle.

Pre-entry procedures help the driver to:

Become aware of situations that might affect the driving task. (Point A to point B safely)

Allow the driver to prepare for the task mentally and physically.

Start in general > work to specific (simple alertness to specific awareness)

### **GETTING READY TO DRIVE :PRE-ENTRY** Risk Reduction Awareness of:

- 1. Vehicle Condition
- Weather and road conditions
- Local > along trip route if necessary.
- Look outside > weather reports (Conditions @ start > Conditions along the way > Conditions @ destination.)
  - Activities in the driving location
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Question the driver what they see as potential risks.

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### PRE-ENTRY: BEFORE GETTING IN THE CAR

Start with a "Walk around" of the car. Make specific observations of the vehicle for damage or other problems which may prevent safe operation.

Make it Quick and Efficient





### PRE-ENTRY CHECKS CHECK AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THE VEHICLE

**Vehicle Condition** 

Glass-Mirrors, Windows, Lights, Wipers

Broken

Dirtv

Clear of ice, snow, frost, mud, grime- (PA

Law)

Body

Damage while parked

Exhaust

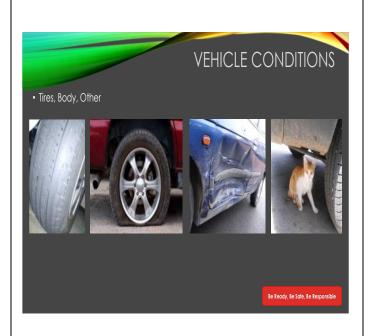
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Coolant

Brake Fluid

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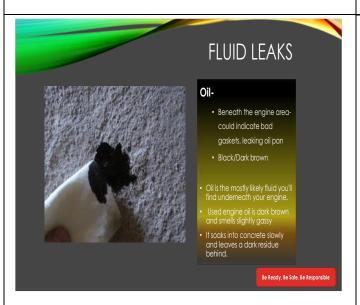
### **Tires**

Direction

- \* Toward or away from curb
- In close quarters, such as a parking space
   Condition
- Worn-steel belt showing
- Tread- bald
- \* Air pressure-low, flat
- Debris under around tires

### Other

- Body damageeffect on driving, need to report?
- Small children or pets under or around?



### **OPTIONAL SLIDE**

### **Fluid Leaks**

Oil-

Beneath the engine area-could indicate bad gaskets, leaking oil pan

Black/Dark brown

Oil is the mostly likely fluid you will find underneath your engine.

Used engine oil is dark brown and smells slightly gassy It soaks into concrete slowly and leaves a dark residue behind.



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### **Fluid Leaks**

Coolant (Antifreeze)-

Front of vehicle-could indicate a bad radiator hose or leaking radiator

Tell by the smell and color-fluorescent green or orange Coolant (antifreeze) leaks are probably the second most common, with oil taking the top spot.

Coolant leaks will slowly deplete your engine of coolant causing it to overheat.

It has a sweet smell.



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Brake fluid-

Usually along the driver side or around inner wheel areas -could indicate leaking brake lines

Clear or yellowish

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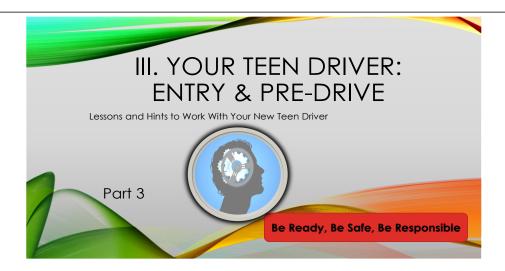
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ENTER - UNLOCK, ENTER

If parked on street-

Key in hand

From front – Why?



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The Basics: Adjust the Steering Wheel

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Many Drivers may have their driving mirrors adjusted in what is known as...

The Traditional Mirror Setting

Let's take a look at this setting and some of the problems caused by its use.

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