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| **Passengers** | |
| **Learning Objectives** | * Recognize the distractions passengers can create. * Understand the magnitude of the problem. * Learn tools to combat peer pressure from passengers. |
| **Questions** | Q1. The risk of death per mile driven for teen drivers increases as the number of passengers younger than 21 years increases.   1. True 2. False   Answer: a. True  Feedback: The risk of death in drivers aged 16 – 17 years per mile is 44% when carrying a passenger below the age of 21. This risk doubles when there are 2 passengers and quadruples when there are 3 or more passengers.  Q2: One way passengers can pose a safety risk to teen drivers is:   1. Passengers can help the driver with navigation controls. 2. Passengers can cause stress to the driver by sitting in the passenger seat. 3. Passengers can “back seat” drive or pressure the driver to engage in unsafe actions. 4. Passengers can hold onto phones and other electric gadgets so that the driver can focus on driving.   Answer: c. Passengers can “back seat” drive or pressure the driver to engage in unsafe actions.  Feedback: One major challenge associated with passengers is the temptation to ‘back seat’ drive or pressure a driver to ignore traffic laws and engage in risky behaviors. Even helpful advice can be distracting and stressful for younger drivers.  Q3: Which of the following are things I can say to calmly deal with pressure from passengers?   1. I don’t want to get a ticket for breaking traffic laws. 2. When you tell me to go faster, it stresses me out. 3. My mom will take away my keys if I speed. 4. All the above   Answer: d. All the above  Feedback: Aiming to reduce exposure to pressure is a good way to stay safe on the road. If you cannot avoid carrying younger and inexperienced passengers, you can use some of the techniques above to overcome peer pressure. Say no and give a reason. It helps to point out the consequences of disobeying your parents too.  Q4: A passenger can help reduce risky behavior in a driver by being a PEACH. The P and H in PEACH stand for   1. Police; Hesitate 2. Plead; Hush 3. Police; Helpful 4. Passive; Helpful   Answer: c. Police; Helpful  Feedback: As a passenger, you should speak up when you notice that the driver is taking some risky or dangerous actions. One effective way to do this is to mention the POLICE and remind them of the chances of getting a ticket. You can also HELP improve the driver focus by taking over tasks like navigation and replying important texts. |