

Be a Smart Driver!



Before you drive away:

- Check to make sure you have enough gas to make it to your destination.
- Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you expect to arrive.
- Always wear your seatbelt and make sure all passengers are buckled in before beginning your trip.
- Limit the number of passengers in your car until you have a few years of driving experience. If you are under the age of 18, Virginia law says you may only carry one passenger who is under the age of 18 during the first year that you drive.
- Never try to fit more people in the car than you have seatbelts for.
- Do not drink or use drugs and drive and do not get in a car with someone who has.
- Remember, if you are under 18, Virginia law prohibits you from driving between midnight and 4:00 a.m. unless there is an emergency.

After you leave:

- Keep the volume of the radio at a level that allows you to hear outside noises such as sirens or horns.
- Do not talk on the cell phone, put on make-up, comb your hair or eat while driving. Virginia law states that drivers under the age of 18 are prohibited to use a cellular telephone or other wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle. This includes text messaging and the use of all hands free devices.
- Always scan for hazards and pay attention to your surroundings. This insures time to react to hazards ahead.
- Obey all traffic signs and speed limits.
- If you feel sleepy while you are on the road, find a safe place off of the road and pull over for a quick nap, coffee or call a friend/parent to pick you up.

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