

## Introduction

Help your young driver or pre-driving teen become more observant and start thinking about safe and unsafe driving behaviours by using *You Be the Judge*. This tool focuses attention on other drivers (i.e., in other cars) in the surrounding environment.

Select one or two sections for your teenager to work on at a time. Participants get one point for each observation. Use *You Be the Judge* over and over.

**Part 2 – Hazard Perception** is important. Observe and name potential hazards that are within the block ahead or immediately beside or behind your vehicle. This will help train your teenager to anticipate situations in the driving environment that are difficult or dangerous.

## Part 1: Driving Rules and Behaviours

Intersections	Safer driving – The driver:	Unsafe driving – The driver:
Stop signs	<input type="checkbox"/> stops fully at stop sign	<input type="checkbox"/> does a “rolling stop” <input type="checkbox"/> does not stop at all
Traffic lights	<input type="checkbox"/> stops at red light <input type="checkbox"/> slows down for yellow light	<input type="checkbox"/> “runs the yellow” <input type="checkbox"/> goes through red light
Four-way stops	<input type="checkbox"/> takes turn in order of coming to the stop sign	<input type="checkbox"/> enters intersection out of turn
Yield signs	<input type="checkbox"/> yields to traffic on through road	<input type="checkbox"/> rushes to get into through road, causing drivers on through road to have to brake (or crash)
Uncontrolled intersections	<input type="checkbox"/> slows and looks both ways before proceeding	<input type="checkbox"/> does not slow <input type="checkbox"/> does not look at cross streets
Road markings	Safer driving – The driver:	Unsafe driving – The driver:
Solid white line	<input type="checkbox"/> keeps to own lane	<input type="checkbox"/> crosses solid line <input type="checkbox"/> weaves back and forth over solid line
Stop line	<input type="checkbox"/> stops just before stop line marking	<input type="checkbox"/> crosses stop line before stopping
Double solid yellow line	<input type="checkbox"/> keeps to own lane	<input type="checkbox"/> crosses solid line <input type="checkbox"/> weaves back and forth over solid line
Pedestrian crosswalk	<input type="checkbox"/> notices pedestrian <input type="checkbox"/> stops for pedestrian in the crosswalk	<input type="checkbox"/> races to get through crossing before pedestrian <input type="checkbox"/> passes other vehicle that is stopped at the crosswalk
Reserved lane (HOV or bicycle lane)	<input type="checkbox"/> avoids reserved lane	<input type="checkbox"/> is in HOV or bicycle lane when not allowed

General driving or driving in town	Safer driving – The driver:	Unsafe driving – The driver:
Lane position	<input type="checkbox"/> keeps in center of lane; leaves at least one meter between cars at side	<input type="checkbox"/> weaves from side to side in lane
Corners	<input type="checkbox"/> keeps in own lane while turning turning corner	<input type="checkbox"/> cuts across lane markings while turning corners
Pedestrians and cyclists	<input type="checkbox"/> moves farther away in lane when passing pedestrians and cyclists	<input type="checkbox"/> passes too close to pedestrians and cyclists
Stopping distance	<input type="checkbox"/> stops so that the wheels of car in front can be seen	<input type="checkbox"/> stops immediately behind car in front

Turns	Safer driving – The driver:	Unsafe driving – The driver:
Right turn at red light	<input type="checkbox"/> signals <input type="checkbox"/> comes to full stop before making right turn <input type="checkbox"/> looks both ways <input type="checkbox"/> checks over right shoulder	<input type="checkbox"/> does not signal <input type="checkbox"/> does not shoulder check <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't stop before making right turn
Right or left turn	<input type="checkbox"/> signals <input type="checkbox"/> looks both ways <input type="checkbox"/> checks over shoulder in the direction of turn <input type="checkbox"/> waits for safe gap before turning <input type="checkbox"/> turns from correct lane <input type="checkbox"/> turns into correct lane	<input type="checkbox"/> does not signal <input type="checkbox"/> does not shoulder check <input type="checkbox"/> tries to turn before safe gap in traffic <input type="checkbox"/> turns from wrong lane and cuts in front of other turning vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> turns into wrong lane

Freeway driving	Safer driving – The driver:	Unsafe driving – The driver:
Merging onto freeway	<input type="checkbox"/> speeds up in the acceleration lane to match traffic <input type="checkbox"/> enters freeway on dotted white line	<input type="checkbox"/> hesitates <input type="checkbox"/> enters freeway early over solid white line <input type="checkbox"/> ignores traffic trying to merge
On the freeway	<input type="checkbox"/> is aware of traffic trying to merge and moves into left lane or adjusts speed to leave gap <input type="checkbox"/> leaves at least 3 seconds between his/her car and car in front <input type="checkbox"/> signals and shoulder checks before changing lanes	<input type="checkbox"/> does not move into left lane or does not create gap to allow merging <input type="checkbox"/> tailgates <input type="checkbox"/> does not signal and shoulder check before changing lanes
Exiting the freeway	<input type="checkbox"/> signals intention to leave freeway <input type="checkbox"/> enters off-ramp over the dotted white line <input type="checkbox"/> slows down after entering the exit lane	<input type="checkbox"/> does not signal <input type="checkbox"/> enters off-ramp after the dotted white line <input type="checkbox"/> continues freeway speed on exit ramp

Parking	Safer driving – The driver:	Unsafe driving – The driver:
Parallel parking	<input type="checkbox"/> uses turn signal to park <input type="checkbox"/> parallel parks smoothly <input type="checkbox"/> uses turn signal to leave parking space	<input type="checkbox"/> hits car in front or behind while parallel parking <input type="checkbox"/> hits curb while parallel parking
Parking spaces	<input type="checkbox"/> uses turn signal to park <input type="checkbox"/> is parked in a permitted location	<input type="checkbox"/> uses turn signal to park Is parked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> across driveway</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> within 5 meters of a fire hydrant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> within 6 meters of a crosswalk or stop sign</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> on a sidewalk</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in a no-parking zone</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in a zone for persons with disabilities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> without a permit</li> </ul>
Hill parking	<input type="checkbox"/> is parked on a hill with front wheels pointing so that vehicle will not roll into traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> is parked on a hill with front wheels pointing so that vehicle could roll into traffic
Driver and vehicle fitness	Safer driving – The driver:	Unsafe driving – The driver:
Stress in traffic (e.g., being cut off )	<input type="checkbox"/> continues calmly and adjusts for the situation	<input type="checkbox"/> reacts aggressively, shouting, shaking fist, trying to retaliate in traffic, etc.
Impairment	<input type="checkbox"/> shows no visible signs of impairment	<input type="checkbox"/> appears impaired, with driving affected by weaving, slow/fast, etc.
Distraction	<input type="checkbox"/> ensures car environment lets him/her concentrate	<input type="checkbox"/> has a distracting car environment (e.g., loud music, noisy passengers, cell phone use, etc.)
Vehicle Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> has vehicle appearing to be in good working order	<input type="checkbox"/> is using vehicle that has some obviously unsafe conditions (broken lights, foggy windows, etc.)
Speed control	Safer driving – The driver:	Unsafe driving – The driver:
City streets	<input type="checkbox"/> is at or below speed limit	<input type="checkbox"/> exceeds speed limit <input type="checkbox"/> drives around slower cars on one-lane road
Highways	<input type="checkbox"/> is at or below speed limit	<input type="checkbox"/> exceeds speed limit <input type="checkbox"/> weaves in and out of traffic to try to get ahead
School zones	<input type="checkbox"/> is at or below speed limit <input type="checkbox"/> stops for pedestrian in crosswalk <input type="checkbox"/> stops when signalled by school crossing guard	<input type="checkbox"/> exceeds speed limit <input type="checkbox"/> ignores pedestrian in crosswalk <input type="checkbox"/> ignores school crossing guard
Special conditions (rain, construction, oil on road, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> moderates speed to match conditions and road signs	<input type="checkbox"/> does not moderate speed to match conditions and road signs <input type="checkbox"/> endangers road workers

## Part 2: Hazard Perception

The following potential hazards are samples only. Participants receive one point the first time they observe and name the following potential hazards and double points for hazards NOT in the list below. Remember, no points are given if it is not a potential hazard. (E.g., A tree by the side of the road that is not blocking your vision is not a potential hazard. However, a tree that overhangs the road blocking your vision of the road or signs ahead is a potential hazard.) See *Road Sense for Drivers*, Chapter 5, for more information.

	On the road	Beside the road
Things that block vision	<input type="checkbox"/> big truck right in front <input type="checkbox"/> curve <input type="checkbox"/> hill <input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian <input type="checkbox"/> rain, snow, or fog <input type="checkbox"/> train track ahead <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> blind driveway <input type="checkbox"/> large truck backing out of driveway <input type="checkbox"/> tree or bush overhanging road <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Things that may surprise you	<input type="checkbox"/> vehicle weaving in and out of traffic <input type="checkbox"/> pothole in the road <input type="checkbox"/> weather conditions such as rain or snow <input type="checkbox"/> oil on the road <input type="checkbox"/> emergency vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> construction on the road <input type="checkbox"/> vehicle jumping the light <input type="checkbox"/> pedestrians <input type="checkbox"/> bicycles and motorcycles <input type="checkbox"/> jaywalker <input type="checkbox"/> animals <input type="checkbox"/> crosswind <input type="checkbox"/> poorly loaded truck ahead <input type="checkbox"/> object on the road <input type="checkbox"/> dangerous driver <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> anyone very close to the road <input type="checkbox"/> child with ball facing the road <input type="checkbox"/> dog or cat facing the road <input type="checkbox"/> car pulling out of parking space <input type="checkbox"/> driver opening door of parked car <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Road conflicts	<input type="checkbox"/> cars turning left or right <input type="checkbox"/> cars turning into your lane <input type="checkbox"/> car too close behind you <input type="checkbox"/> car ahead stops suddenly <input type="checkbox"/> car driving in your blind spot <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> car backing out of driveway <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Warnings	<input type="checkbox"/> traffic cones <input type="checkbox"/> flag person <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> yellow or orange warning signs <input type="checkbox"/> reader boards <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____