

RIDGEFIELD DRIVING SCHOOL
STATE LICENSE #: 553
203-438-2331

THIS COMPLETED PACKET MUST BE HANDED IN TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THIS CLASS

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

CLASS TIME: _____

LEARNER PERMIT #: _____

PARENT'S CONFIRMATION OF CLASS ATTENDANCE:

I, _____, confirm that the above individual attended two hours
(print parent name)
of the online class (outlined below) at the above date and time.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

Laws for New Drivers

True/False

Indicate whether the sentence or statement is true or false.

- _____ 1. A 16 or 17-year-old driver can use only a hands-free cell phone.
- _____ 2. A driver under the age of 18 may be required to attend a Driver Retraining Program if they violate any learner's permit restriction.
- _____ 3. A driver under the age of 18 may be required to attend a Driver Retraining Program if they are in violation of any of the Graduated License Laws.
- _____ 4. There are NO exceptions to the curfew in place for 16-and 17-year-old drivers.
- _____ 5. A 16- or 17-year-old adjudicated as a youthful offender for street racing, evading responsibility, or reckless driving shall **not** have their records disclosed to the DMV.
- _____ 6. A driver under the age of 18 who commits negligent homicide with a motor vehicle, evades responsibility after a crash that results in severe injury or death, or operates under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be considered a youthful offender.
- _____ 7. A driver retraining program will be required of any driver through the age of 24 who commits 2 or more moving violations or suspension violations.
- _____ 8. While operating with a Learner's Permit a driver can practice in New York.

Multiple Choice

Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 9. What is the fine for a 16- or 17-year licensed driver who fails to wear a seat belt or whose passenger(s) do not wear a seatbelt?
 - a. license suspension for one week
 - b. \$15 fine
 - c. \$50.00 fine
 - d. \$75.00 fine
- _____ 10. Which of these might NOT be someone qualified to practice with a 16 or 17 year old permitted driver.
 - a. a licensed driving instructor.
 - b. a parent or guardian with a valid license.
 - c. anyone over the age of twenty with a valid license.
 - d. anyone who has has a license for 4 consecutive years without any license suspensions and is at least 20 years old.
- _____ 11. What is the curfew for beginning drivers practicing with a learner's permit?
 - a. The same as a driver who has been licensed for less than 6 months.
 - b. There is no curfew.
 - c. 9:00 P.M.
 - d. 10:00 P.M.

Name: _____

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- _____ 12. During the first six months of being licensed, which of the following would be an illegal passenger(s) for a 16 or 17 year old?
- a. both parents at one time
 - b. legal guardian
 - c. an unlicensed older sibling
 - d. licensed driving instructor
- _____ 13. A 16- or 17-year-old-driver who refuses a blood-alcohol test will lose their license for
- a. 1 year
 - b. 6 months
 - c. 18 months
 - d. 2 years
- _____ 14. While operating with a learners permit, when is it permissible to have a younger brother or sister in your car?
- a. Only in daylight hours
 - b. After holding a permit for 90 days.
 - c. After holding a permit for 60 days.
 - d. Never
- _____ 15. During the second six months of holding a driver's license, which would be an illegal passenger(s) for a 16 or 17 year-old driver?
- a. sister
 - b. more than one sibling
 - c. grandparent
 - d. one or more friends
- _____ 16. The minimum license suspension for a 16- or 17-year-old with a blood-alcohol content of .02 or higher is
- a. 60 days
 - b. one year
 - c. 6 month
 - d. 2 years
- _____ 17. What parents are required to attend the two-hour class pertaining to new laws for teens (the class you are currently attending)?
- a. At least one parent of all 16 and 17 year old drivers.
 - b. Only parents of students who are taking the 8-hour driver education course.
 - c. Parent of students who are over 18 years old.
 - d. Only parents of students who are taking the full driver education course.
- _____ 18. Under what conditions can a sixteen or seventeen year old use a hands-free cell phone while driving?
- a. after being licensed for one year.
 - b. never
 - c. in a medical emergency
 - d. while participating in a safe-rides program.
- _____ 19. How many hours of on-road practice is required for all 16 and 17 year-olds before licensing?
- a. 40
 - b. 8
 - c. 20
 - d. 48
- _____ 20. The curfew for 16 and 17 year old drivers is
- a. 11:00 P.M. - 5:00 A.M.
 - b. 9:00 P.M. - 5:00 A.M.
 - c. 10:00 P.M. - 6:00 A.M.
 - d. 12:00 P.M. - 5:00 A.M.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING HABITS
'APPLYING THE THEORY'

Write the best DEFENSIVE DRIVING strategy for each scenario.

1. You are following a car down a road. The car ahead brakes suddenly and *then* signals for a right turn. You slam on the brakes but are unable to stop in time and ultimately collide with the car. What strategy could have prevented this problem?

2. It was a bright sunny day and you are driving down a hill. Ahead you see a car waiting to pull out of an intersecting road on your left. As you approach, the car pulls right out front of you causing a collision.

When questioned by police, the driver states that he looked in your direction but “never saw you coming down the hill”. What could YOU have done to help prevent this situation?

3. A 16-year-old driver was on her way to a friend’s house but is unsure of how to get there. Ignoring the laws banning cell phone usage, she decides to call her friend for directions. As she listens to her friend describe landmarks, she drives straight through a stop sign and collides with a car. What did this teenager NOT do? Do you think she saw the stop sign?

4. This driver is waiting to make a right-turn-on-red. Looking to the left he could see a gap in traffic about five cars away. As the fifth car passes, he accelerates into the turn but collides with a pedestrian who had begun to cross the street. What could this driver have done to prevent this collision?

5. You are sitting in traffic, inching along at a stop-and-go pace. The car ahead of you starts forward then brakes suddenly as a pedestrian crosses their path of travel. The sudden stop catches you by surprise and you collide with the rear of the car. Which defensive driving habit could have prevented this?

6. Driver A failed his driver’s test because he went through an intersection on a yellow signal. He feels frustrated and angry. How did he know the light was going to change? It was still green when he was accelerating up to it; he was not even going that fast. What could Driver A have done to help prevent this situation?

7. You are in the center lane of the expressway and wish to move to the right lane because your exit is coming up. You signal, check rearview mirror, check sideview mirror and then move lanes. As you

move, however, you collide a car!

(a) What habit would have prevented this collision?

(b) What could the car *next to you* have done to help prevent this situation?

8. Driver A is sitting in stopped traffic when an ambulance approaches from the rear. As the ambulance gets closer, Driver A attempts to move forward and right but is blocked by the car ahead. What habit would have prevented this problem?

9. You are traveling on a 35mph road heading to your friend's house. Suddenly you realize the driveway is just ahead on the left. You signal and brake quickly but need to stop due to an oncoming car. BANG! The car following you slams into your car and sends you lurching into the opposing lane. The *oncoming* car swerves to avoid the head on collision but crushes in the front right corner of your car. What could you have done to avoid this?

10. You are being tailgated on a 25mph road. Even though you are already traveling 30mph you decide to increase to 35mph. The tailgater does not back off. 40mph ... same thing. Was this the correct solution? What are some *other* solutions to tailgaters?

11. This new driver has had numerous 'close calls' and several minor collisions. Her excuse is always the same; "I didn't see them ... they just came out of nowhere!" Her parents sit in the passenger seat to observe and notice that her braking is abrupt, steering is jerky, and she seems to be very tense. What can her parents suggest as a solution?
12. You are heading home from school on a road that you drive every day. You are 10mph above the speed limit and know your car can handle the curves at that speed. As you come around the last curve prior to your house, a line of stopped cars catches you off guard. You brake hard but end up striking the last car in line. What TWO solutions could be applied here?

13. You finally got your license and your parents toss you the car keys! You head out to a friend's house but need to stop for gas on the way. The gas pump you pull up to, unfortunately, is 'Out of Order' so you shift to reverse to use the pump behind you. What you didn't realize was that that pump was already occupied by a red-headed dude in a STUDENT DRIVER car. The loud 'CRUNCH' of crushing in his front bumper sends you into a panic! You get out and run but he easily chases you down and makes a citizen's arrest. It gets ugly...! What could you have done to have avoided this disastrous turn of events?