



## "Mom, Can I Borrow the Car?": 6 Things Every Parent Should Share Before Handing Over the Keys

*There are around 12.6 million drivers between the ages of 15 and 20 years old in the United States. As your teen joins their ranks and zooms down the highway, here's how parents can sleep soundly, knowing that their teen has what it takes to stay out of harm's way, both on the expressway and in life.*

Campbell, CA ([PRWEB](#)) November 15, 2004 -- As a teenager gets his license to drive and begins to learn the rules of the road, how can his parents know that their teen is ready?

Receiving the keys to the car marks a rite of passage into adulthood, says Catherine Harris, coauthor of *The Teenager's Roadside Guide to Life: Preparing New Drivers for the Road Ahead*. But before handing over the keys, parents must make sure their teens are ready to make the right decisions once they are in the driver's seat.

Written in collaboration with her 16-year-old son Joe Harris, *The Teenager's Roadside Guide to Life* offers inspiration for teens as well as solace for parents who are parting with their keys. While this is their first book, it's not the first time Catherine and Joe have teamed up to make the world a better place. Together, they have built and repaired schools in Costa Rica, taught conversational English in Southern Italy, coached for the Special Olympics and trained for the Vancouver Marathon to help raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Here Catherine and Joe offer six driving tips to share with your teen before sending them out on the open road:

1. Choose the road yourself. Friends and well-meaning adults will offer advice and try to influence your life decisions. Decide which destination and route are right for you.
2. Learn to merge. Cooperation and sharing go a long way. Don't hog the road. Life is a mutual thing.
3. Watch out for children. They look up to you. What kind of example are you setting?
4. Slow down for speed bumps. They are there for a reason: To help you think before you do.
5. Ignore shortcuts. It takes time and effort to accomplish great things.
6. Make U-Turns if necessary. Admitting a mistake and correcting it is much better than continuing further off course.

Life is not a test drive, says Joe, You only go around once, so be sure your teens have the tools to make every mile count!

Get the FREE special report *Is Your Teen Ready for the Driver's Seat? 5 Questions to Help You Find Out* at [www.MyTeenageDriver.com](http://www.MyTeenageDriver.com)



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