



All 5 apply to you

Night Driving

Fatigue (which could be any time of day)

If the driver is having a hard time staying awake

- Talk to him/her
- Turn on the radio and maybe even sing along with the music together
- Recommend that the driver stop and walk around or get something to drink or eat

Dark outside/Nighttime

As it gets dark outside it is harder to see

- Ask the driver if the headlights are on
- Keep your eyes open and watch the road to help the driver

Distractions

Passengers as distractions

Remember that other people in the car can be a distraction, including you

- Talk at a normal level inside the car
- While playing a portable game player or DVD player, keep the volume level low
- Stay in your seat and buckled up

You can help reduce distractions for the driver

- Ask if you can answer cell phone calls for him or her
- If the music seems loud, mention that it might be distracting
- Ask questions about driving and how it's done, to keep the drivers eyes on the road

Speeding

The faster the vehicle is going, the harder it is to stop

Remember that speeding can be dangerous and cost money

- Watch for speed limit signs and let the driver know when the number changes
- Know the law – The signs posted with the speed limit are a law, and if you exceed that limit you could receive a ticket

Street racing is speeding

- No matter how organized a street race is, it is *still* speeding in a vehicle and can be deadly
- Know the law – Reckless driving is against the law in Texas, defined as driving in a way that shows you really don't care about the safety of people or property

Safety Belt

Your own actions

- Buckle your safety belt
- Make sure you sit in your seat correctly

Inspiring the driver and other passengers

- Remind them all that they are safer when they buckle up
- Know the law – In Texas, anyone under 17 MUST be buckled up ANYWHERE in the vehicle
- Know the law – In Texas, the driver and front seat and passenger MUST wear their safety belts

Drinking/ Drugs

If the driver of the vehicle you are going to be a passenger in has had too much to drink or done drugs

- You can let them know you are not going to ride with them
- Call or find another driver to take you where you need to go
- Walk, bike, or find a different way if your trip is short

If you see a driver that should not drive

- Let a responsible adult know
- Tell him or her to call a cab
- Ask him or her to wait awhile to drive