



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

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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