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Driver's Education – Chapter 3: Traffic Laws and Vehicle Operation

Speed Limits and Fines

- 10 MPH – Alleys
- 20 MPH – School zones
- 30 MPH – Urban streets/Town roads
- 55 MPH – US/State highways and Urban freeways
- 70 MPH – Interstate expressways outside cities
- Fines for violating speed limits
- Higher fines if more over limit
- Fines doubled in construction zones
- Driving over 100 MPH, loss of license for **6 months**

Reduced Speeds – Below Speed Limits

- Bad road conditions
- Road construction zones!!!
- Slow down on bridges in the winter, they can be icy
- Watch for icy conditions in fall, winter and spring

Signaling and Blind Spots

- Signal **ALL** turns and lane changes
- Use hand/arm signals when pulling a trailer
- Always check blind spots when changing lanes by turning your head

Turns and Red Light Turns

- Follow lane markings
- Merge to the right for right turns where there are bike lanes
- Right turns on red lights are allowed, but watch for restrictions
- On left turns don't cut corners

Roundabouts

- Slow as you approach
- Yield to cars in the roundabout
- Watch pavement markings
- Enter when safe
- Do not stop/pass in the roundabout.
- Use turn signals with lane changes or when exiting
- Continue around till you can safely exit

Passing

- Improper passing causes many accidents
- Passing is permitted on 2-lane roads unless center line is a solid yellow line
- Insure a safe distance to on-coming cars
- **DO NOT PASS** on a hill or curve, within 100 feet of an intersection and when too close to on-coming cars

U-Turns

- U-turns are permitted only when not disrupting on-coming traffic
- Watch for **No U-turn** signs!!

Backing and Parking

- Parallel parking – a critical skill to master
- Parking on hills – learn which way your wheels must be turned
- No backing into traffic lanes
- No backing on freeways or expressways

Seat Belts, Airbags and Infant Car Seats

- Tickets/fines if not buckled up
- Air bags AND seat belts (not just airbags)
- Infant seats always in backseat, facing backwards.

Careless Driving/Fleeing Police

- Pay attention to the road
- Don't text and drive!!!
- You can't outrun the police radio!!! It is illegal and dangerous.

Traffic Crashes/Accidents

- Stay at scene and move cars **if no injuries**
- Have insurance information to exchange
- You **MUST** provide your information to Police and other drivers.
- Complete and submit an accident report

Insurance and Vehicle Registration

- Car owners **MUST** carry no-fault and liability coverage
- Always have proof of vehicle registration and insurance in your car
- Must provide proof of insurance to police
- License plates need current date stickers
- Keep vehicle title in a secure place at home or a safe deposit box

Car Insurance

- If you do not provide proof of insurance, you may lose your driving license
- You must then retake the driver's knowledge test and file for reinstatement of driver's license
- You **MUST** show insurance card if in an accident