FOR LEARNERS, PARENTS AND YOUNG DRIVERS

IDEA Cornerstones®

Ready for the real road.

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Passing your test is the start, not the finish.

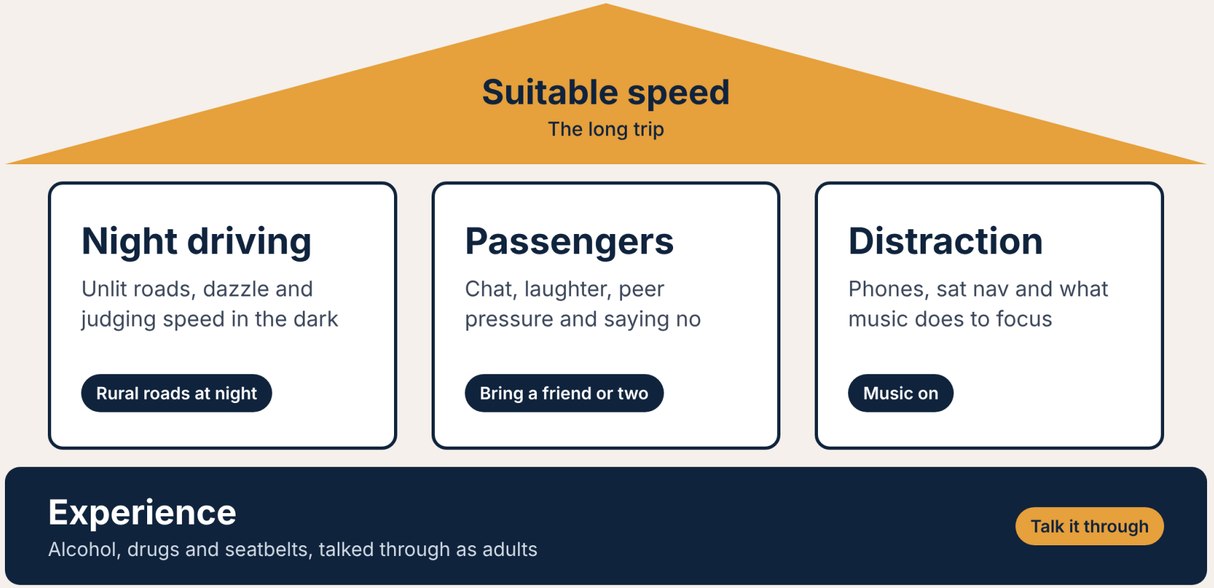
The first few years on your own are when new drivers are most at risk. IDEA Cornerstones gives you some of that experience before you need it.

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Five cornerstones, like a house

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Five simple lessons. No pressure. Real preparation for the road.



Every mile matters. Reducing serious crashes and fatalities on our roads.

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FOUNDATION · EXPERIENCE

Talk it through

Alcohol, drugs and seatbelts, talked about openly, adult to adult. And plenty of new roads, not just test routes.

ASK YOURSELF

How would you get home if you'd had a drink?

What would you say if a mate didn't put their belt on?

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PILLAR · NIGHT DRIVING

Rural roads at night

If country roads will be your everyday driving, drive them in the dark with your instructor before your test: unlit bends, dazzle, and judging speed when you can’t see far.

ASK YOURSELF

What feels different in the dark?

Can you stop in the distance you can see is clear?

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PILLAR · PASSENGERS

Bring a friend or two

Don’t let the first time you drive with mates be after you’ve passed. Try it on a lesson first, with chat and laughter in the car, and practise saying “not now”.

ASK YOURSELF

What do you stop noticing when the chat gets going?

How would you ask a mate to calm down without it being awkward?

PILLAR · DISTRACTION

Music on

Bring your playlist. Drive with something calm, then something loud and fast, and notice what each one does to your focus and your speed. Phone away and on silent before you move.

ASK YOURSELF

Did the music change how you drove?

Where will your phone be when you drive on your own?

ROOF · SUITABLE SPEED

The long trip

Plan and drive the kind of motorway journey you'll make after passing: check the car, plan your breaks, and choose a speed for the road and the conditions, not just the limit.

ASK YOURSELF

When would you stop for a break?

What would you check before a long drive on your own?

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It’s OK to…

Permissions, not rules. You decide.

- **Display P plates** after you pass.
- **Say no** to a lift, a passenger or a dare.
- **Ask a mate to quieten down** or put their phone away.
- **Drive at the speed that feels right,** whoever is behind you.
- **Pull over** if you’re tired, upset or unsure.
- **Ring home for a lift** at any hour, no questions asked.
- **Not feel ready yet** for some journeys.
- **Ask for the lessons you want,** including a parent sitting in.

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Saying no, without the drama

“Not now, I’m driving.”

“Can you hold that till we stop?”

“I’m getting a lift home tonight.”

Pick a line that sounds like you, and practise it before you need it.

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What you can do next

Ask your instructor

Ask for the five lessons: night, friends, music, the long trip, and a proper talk.

Bring a parent along

Like a parents’ evening, in the car. They watch a lesson and ask their questions.

Agree one promise

A lift home at any hour, no questions asked.

OVER TO YOU

Which cornerstone feels hardest for you, and why?

What would make it easier to say no to a friend?

What would you want a younger brother or sister to know?

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Free guides, lesson plans and leaflets: IDEA website, Free resources, IDEA Cornerstones.

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