



QUESTIONS YOU ASKED US

Q: When divorced parents have joint custody of a teen, which parent should include the teen on his or her auto policy?

A: PEMCO insures a teen driver on only one of the parent's policies. PEMCO recommends that the teen be insured on the policy that covers the vehicle he or she drives the most.

Q: I've heard that parents are at greater risk when their kids start driving, and that parents should consider buying an Umbrella policy. Why is that?

A: If a child drives a family car and causes a serious accident, parents can be defendants in a lawsuit if there are injuries that exceed the insurance-policy limits. Parents could be held liable for costly damages, putting their assets (including the home) at risk. Umbrella coverage affords \$1 million or more in liability coverage above and beyond those policy limits. And Umbrella coverage is more affordable than you think.

Q: Adding my 16-year-old son to my insurance policy was costly. Is there anything I can do to save money?

A: Yes. Encourage your son to study and get good grades. Safe driving and good grades often go hand in hand, and PEMCO offers a Good

Student Discount of up to 30% to students who maintain a 3.0 ("B" average) or better. Later, if your son goes to a college more than 75 miles from home, he also could qualify for PEMCO's Distant Student Discount as an occasional user of the family car. Check with us to see how those discounts apply to your specific situation.

Q: My daughter is a pretty good driver, but I worry when she's driving a carload of friends around. She thinks I'm being overprotective. Am I?

A: No. Teenage passengers are the No. 1 factor in beginning-driver accidents. And the more passengers in the car, the greater the risk. Other key accident factors are nighttime driving; two-lane roads; distractions in the car like cell phones, music, and food; and unused seatbelts. The more of those she can avoid, the better the odds.

Q: My kids say that graduated licensing isn't fair, because it restricts all new drivers, not just the poor ones. How do I answer that?

A: Most fatally injured teens don't have prior traffic violations or crashes on their records. Because they're new drivers, there's no history to draw from, so all of them must be restricted equally. Remind your kids that new drivers are all beginners, and every novice needs time to develop skills in low-risk settings.

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