

## Annex 8 – Safety Code for New Drivers

After passing your test, keep in mind that the **first year is the riskiest** about **1 in 5 new drivers has a collision**. You now drive unsupervised, so stay responsible.

Avoid **driving at night (midnight–6am)** unless necessary. Don't let **passengers distract or pressure you**, and **never show off or race**. **Do not drive under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or strong medication**. Make sure **everyone wears seat belts**, and keep your **speed under control**, especially on bends or wet roads.

If you've passed with a low-powered vehicle, gain more experience before driving **high-performance cars**. Remember, **uninsured driving is illegal**.

Under the **New Drivers Act**, if you collect **six or more penalty points within two years** of passing your first test, your **licence will be revoked**, and you'll need to **retake both the theory and practical tests**.

To improve your **safety and possibly reduce insurance costs**, consider **Pass Plus or advanced driving courses**, which build skills and reduce collision risks.