

# TOP DRIVER SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES FOR TEENS, EXPLAINED



**ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL:** Standard on all new vehicles since 2012, this feature automatically stabilizes the vehicle if it begins to veer off the intended path. It helps prevent rollovers, oversteering and understeering, which reduces fatal crash risk.



**LANE DEPARTURE WARNING (LDW) AND LANE KEEPING ASSISTANCE (LKA):** LDW alerts the driver with a warning sound, vibration, or visual cue if they drift out of their lane. LKA then automatically steers the driver back into their lane. [Warning: These features may not work if lane lines are faint or covered by snow or debris.]



**FORWARD COLLISION WARNING (FCW) AND AUTOMATIC EMERGENCY BRAKING (AEB):** FCW warns the driver of a possible collision with warning lights and sounds. AEB automatically applies the brakes if the driver fails to respond to the warning. [Warning: May encourage teen drivers to tailgate.]



**BLIND SPOT WARNING:** Helps prevent side collisions and increases awareness of surrounding traffic by warning the driver with a symbol, sound or vibration if a vehicle is in their blind spot.



**BACKUP CAMERA:** Shows a wide view behind the vehicle while in reverse. May also provide visual or sound warning if an obstacle is detected. This can increase the driver's awareness of surroundings and improve parking ability. [Warning: May not detect pedestrians.]

Newer vehicles that include these technologies are safer for teens and other drivers. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of these technologies to help coach and guide their teens through their first years of driving. Parents should remind teens that a safe driver is the most important and effective safety feature of any vehicle.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

To learn more about safety technologies and choosing a vehicle for your teen driver, visit "[Navigate to safety: roadmaps for parents of teen drivers.](#)"

The website [MyCarDoesWhat.org](#) offers information on all the latest vehicle safety features available in today's automobiles.