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Is your teen dreaming about a flashy new sports car? Put the brakes on that idea, pronto! When car shopping for a novice driver, let what's considered cool take a backseat.

To choose a safe vehicle for a new driver, keep in mind that "larger" generally equals "safer." However, taller vehicles tend to be less stable and are more likely to tip over.

Shopping for a used car? You'll find driver-side air bags in most cars manufactured after 1989; by 1998, passenger-side front air bags were added. Side air bags greatly improve the safety of a small car.

Luxury cars are generally larger than average and may include advanced features such as parking assistance and back-up cameras. A used high-end model may be a safer alternative to a new economy car.

For more information on insuring your teen driver, call MetLife Auto & Home® at **1 800 GET-MET 8** (1-800-438-6388). Friendly, experienced representatives are available Monday through Saturday and weekday evenings to answer any questions you may have.

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