VIDEO GAMES & MOVIES. You will walk away from chase scenes in video games and movies. In real life, police chases can, and often do, end in violent crashes that kill, paralyze, or disfigure these people: innocent bystanders, the police, the fleeing driver, passengers in the car of the fleeing driver—brothers, sisters, or best friends.

GIVING INTO PEER PRESSURE. Teenagers and young adults are often under strong peer pressure. It’s not easy to say “No” to a friend. When you’re driving, you are responsible for the safety of everyone in the car with you. When an officer is attempting to pull you over, listen to and trust your own common sense. Block out the words of “friends” who are saying “Hit the gas.” “Run.”

YOU—not your friends—will be in juvenile hall or jail.

WHY MOST TEENS FLEE. Because they are afraid their parents will be mad at them if they come home with a ticket. Show this flyer to your parents and remember:

1. There’s a good chance that if you’ve made a minor driving error, a police officer will only give you a warning.
2. When you have safely pulled over, treat the officer with respect, keep your hands on the wheel, & wait for the officer’s instructions before reaching for your driver’s license or other documents.
3. If you do receive a ticket, be thankful you are alive and you didn’t kill a friend, sibling, or innocent bystander.

IT’S NOT SIMPLE. Drivers who flee crash into unmovable obstacles: trees, utility poles, buildings, and other vehicles. They also crash into pedestrians and bicyclists. These drivers do TWO things:

1. They hit the gas.
2. They look in the rearview mirror so they can see the police car.

DEATH HAPPENS. Since all drivers who flee look in their rearview mirror, there’s more than a pretty good chance that they or an innocent bystander will end up at the morgue.

Be Smart  *  Be Responsible  *  Stay Alive
Real-life stories about the deaths of teenagers and young adults who fled from the police are at this link:
www.pursuitsafety.org/teen-drivers-education/tenthings