

What Do You Consider Lethal?

Parent-Teen Safe Driving Workshop

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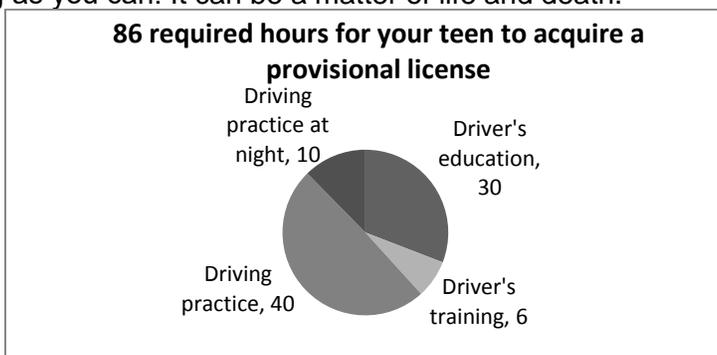
The California Highway Patrol (CHP)

The Road to Getting a License

Finally, you won't be dropping your teenagers off at the movie theaters much longer. Soon, there will be no more early morning drives to school for you. Your teen can learn to drive! A teen between the ages of 15.5 and 17.5 may begin the process of obtaining a provisional license. This includes 30 hours of driver's education and six hours of behind-the-wheel training with a professional driving instructor.

Once your teen is 16, has held a permit for at least 6 months, and has 50+ certified hours of practice (10+ of which must be completed at night) with an adult, he or she can go in for a behind-the-wheel test. Adults who supervise these hours of practice must be 25 years or older, have a valid California driver license, and sit in the front passenger seat.

These requirements are by no means complete. We strongly encourage you to monitor, supervise, and participate in your child's driving experience for as long as long as you can! It can be a matter of life and death.



Did you know?

Novice drivers *are* at the highest risk—regardless of age. The first year for any new driver is the most dangerous. Just like any other complex skill we learn in life, driving takes practice! Introduce distractions such as passengers and night-time driving gradually!

Did You Know?

- You need 50 hours of supervised driving experience with an adult to obtain a California driver's license.
- It takes only 6 hours of supervised behind the wheel experience with a certified driving instructor to get a California driver's license. Yet, a manicurist must complete 400 hours under supervision to be licensed in the state of CA!
- Teen drivers are at the highest risk. The crash rate (per mile driven) for 16 year olds is four times that of adult drivers.
- Having passengers is a serious distraction for teen drivers. Carrying 3 or more passengers increases the risk of a crash for 16 and 17 year olds three-fold compared to driving alone.

The Rules of the Road for Teen Drivers

There are restrictions on drivers who obtain their driver's licenses while under the age of 18 that you and your family need to know about:

- **Curfew:** Within the first 12 months of being issued a Provisional License, your teen may not drive between 11 PM - 5 AM, with a few exceptions such as medical or school necessity. This restriction does not apply if your child is accompanied by a California licensed driver aged 25 years or older or a certified driving instructor.
- **Passengers:** Within the first 12 months of being issued a license, your teen may not carry passengers under the age of 20, unless accompanied by California licensed driver aged 25 years or older or a certified driving instructor. Immediate family members under the age of 20 may be passengers in a few situations, like medical or school necessity. Please see the CVC, Section 12814.6.
- **Cellular devices:** Drivers under the age of 18 are not allowed to use a cellular phone or any mobile service device while driving, including the use of a hands-free device. Please see the CVC, Section 23124.
- **Parents' responsibilities:** Any civil liability incurred by your child due to driving a motor vehicle with your express *or implied* permission is incurred by you, the parent. Please see the CVC, Section 17708.
- **Parents' rights:** You can revoke your permission for your child to drive, and cancel his or her license, by submitting a Cancellation or Surrender of a Driver License or Identification Card (DL 142) form to your local DMV office. Please see <http://www.dmv.ca.gov>.

Did you know?

California's graduated licensing law does save lives! Studies have found that involvement of 16 and 17 year olds in injury and fatal crashes decreased by an 40% after the law began being enforced.

Tips to Stay Alive!

1. **BUCKLE UP!** It takes two seconds. Almost half of the Californians that lost their live in collisions last year would be alive if they would have had their seatbelt on.
2. **LIMIT ALL DISTRACTIONS. TURN OFF YOUR CELL and DON'T TEXT.** Using your cell phone while driving is as dangerous as driving drunk. Remember every day behaviors can become deadly when done behind wheel (e.g. talking to friends, adjusting the radio, putting on makeup, eating the burger)!
3. **SLOW DOWN!** Obey posted speed limits. The faster you drive the higher your odds of a fatal crash.
4. **LIMIT YOUR PASSENGERS.** Each passenger increases the risk of a fatal crash by almost 100%.
5. **FIND YOUR VOICE.** Speak up if you feel unsafe. Save a life – yours or your friends'.

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