

# Teen Drivers

## The Risks and How to Stay Safe

### A Look at the Numbers

Car crashes are the **#1** cause of death for 14-18 year olds.



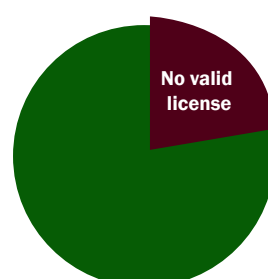
**DUE TO CAR ACCIDENTS** in 2010

\* Approx. **2,700** teens were killed

\* **282,000** teens were admitted to the ER

In the **first month** of holding a driver's license, there is an **even higher risk** of getting into a car accident.

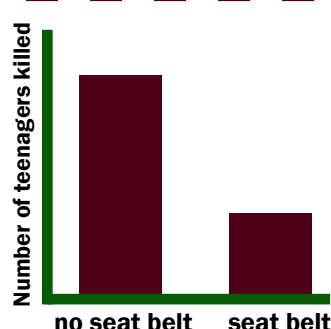
In 2011, **1/5** of teen drivers killed in car crashes did not have a **valid driver's license**.



Almost **2X** as many male teenage drivers and passengers died as female teenage drivers and passengers.



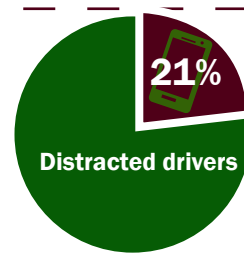
over **HALF** of the teens (passengers and drivers) killed were not wearing seat belts.



Per mile driven, teen drivers are **3X** more likely to be in a fatal car accident than drivers aged 20 and up.



**11%** of drivers under the age of 20 involved in fatal car crashes were **distracted drivers**. Of those teens, **21%** were distracted by their cell phone.



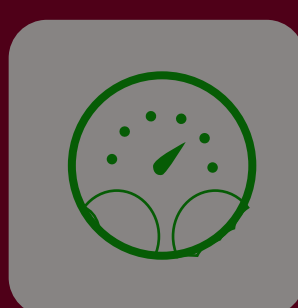
**35%**

of teens involved in fatal crashes were speeding.

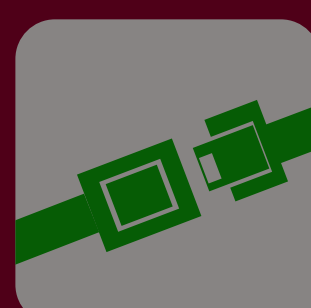
### Teen drivers are more likely to:



Leave less space between cars



Speed

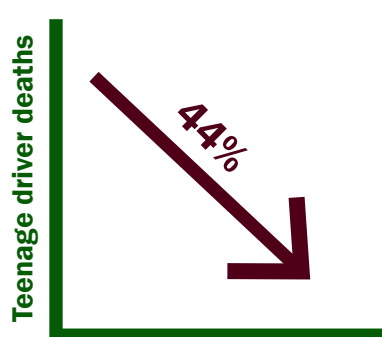


Refrain from using seatbelts

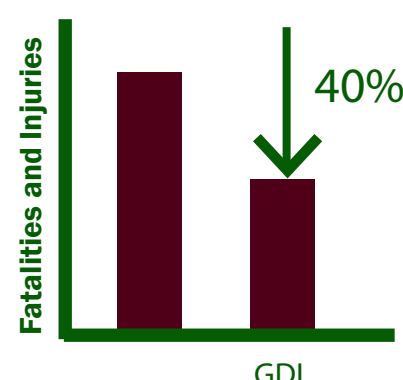
In 2011, over **2,000** teen drivers were involved in car crashes in which someone died.

### Safe Teen Driving: Cause for Hope

From 2007-2011, the number of teen drivers killed **fell by 44%**.



GDL (Graduated Learner) programs correlate with **reductions of up to 40%** in fatalities and injuries



### Graduated Driver Licensing

gradually phase in teen drivers, with restrictions

#### LEARNER

- ✓ No younger than 16
- ✓ For 6 months
- ✓ 30-50 of parental supervision



#### INTERMEDIATE STAGE

- ✓ Until 18
- ✓ No nighttime driving- starting at 9 or 10 pm
- ✓ No teen passengers



#### ALWAYS

- ✓ Ban on all cellphone use
- ✓ Active parents- supervision to ensure safe habits, and good role modeling



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