

sobering statistics

become familiar with the serious facts and risks associated with young drivers

A Crisis by Every Measure

The facts surrounding teen driving illustrate the seriousness and urgency of the issue:

- A teenager is killed in a car crash on the average of every 64 minutes.
- A teenager is injured in a car crash every 55 seconds.
- 85% of crashes by 16-year-olds are attributed to driver error.
- There is no in-car driver training in the high school systems of 25 states.
- More than 50% of fatal crashes involving teens occur between 3 p.m. and midnight and 54% occur on week-ends.
- Research shows that when parents do not limit when, where and how frequently their teens can drive, the number of violations and crashes rises.
- Studies show there is no relationship between a teen's report card and driving behavior.
- In a 2007 teen driving study, 64% of teen drivers said they speed, and 62% admitted to using a cell phone while driving and 33% said they don't regularly wear seat belts.
- Teen drivers are four times more likely to crash than older drivers.
- Crash risk has been proven to be significantly higher during the first year that teenagers are eligible to drive.
- Six out of ten parents say the number one health and safety risk facing their teenager is driving safety.
- Car crashes are far and away the leading cause of death among teens.

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