

THE LAWS

Graduated Driver's License Law

GDL- A system designed for drivers under age 18 (Junior Drivers) to receive senior driving privileges in 3 stages:



- ◆ **Learner's permit**
- ◆ **Junior license**
- ◆ **Full senior license**

General GDL Junior Driver Rules

- 50 practice hours - 15 hours at night
- No electronic devices while driving (including hands-free)
- Must wait 6 months after obtaining learner's permit before taking road test
- Must bring completed DMV Form 262, signed by parent/guardian, to road test

General GDL Junior Driver Restrictions

- No more than 1 passenger under age 21 unless parent, guardian, or driving instructor is also in vehicle
(Exception: immediate family member)
- When supervision of Junior Driver is required, only supervising driver may ride in front seat
- Supervising driver must be at least 21 years old and have valid driver license

For Long Island Regional Restrictions:
Refer to NYS DMV website for all Young Drivers

NYS Seatbelt Law

Senior Drivers:

- Front Seat – Everyone must wear a seatbelt
- Back Seat – Everyone under age 16 must wear a seatbelt
- All children under age 8: Must ride in federally approved child safety seats

Junior Drivers:

- Everyone in vehicle, regardless of age, must wear a seatbelt



NYS Distracted Driving, Talking/

Texting Law: Illegal for drivers to use handheld electronic devices while vehicle is in motion



Cell phone use requires hands-free device

Illegal distracted driving activities include:

- Composing, sending, reading, accessing, browsing, transmitting, saving, emailing, text-messaging
- Viewing, taking, sending images
- Playing games

NYS Distracted Driving Law

5 driver penalty points on license plus:

- 1st offense - fines minimum of \$50 to maximum of \$200
- 2nd offense (within 18 months) - fines minimum of \$50 to maximum of \$250
- 3rd /subsequent offenses (within 18 months) - fines minimum of \$50 to maximum of \$450

NYS Zero Tolerance Law:

No Drinking Alcohol

Under Age 21



The Law:

- Under 21 & have a BAC of .02% or more, but less than .07%, you are in violation of Zero Tolerance Law

New York State:

- Zero Tolerance – .02% to not more than .07%
- DWAI – greater than .05% & less than .08%
- DWI – .08% or higher (nationwide)
- Aggravated DWI – .18% or higher

The Consequences:

- DMV hearing before Administrative Judge for having consumed alcohol while driving under age 21
- Arrested for Driving While Ability Impaired (DWAI) or Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)

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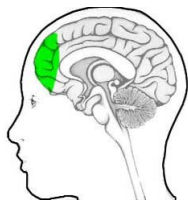
Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and injury for U.S teens.

Teen driver crashes are due to 4 critical errors:

- * Inexperience
- * Speed
- * Distractions
- * Low seatbelt usage

- Many teen crashes usually involve a single vehicle
- The highest risk of a teen car crash occurs in the first 6 months of licensed driving
- 1 in 3 teens will have a crash during their first year of driving
- 80% of all traffic fatalities occur within 25 miles of home, at speeds under 40mph
- More than 50% of teen car crash deaths occur between 3 p.m. & midnight - usually on Friday, Saturday or Sunday
- Half of teen drivers report driving 10 mph over the speed limit; 21% of serious teen crashes are due to driving too fast for road conditions
- Poor teen driving can be linked to the teen's not yet fully developed pre-frontal cortex, which is the portion of brain responsible for:

- * Planning
- * Impulse Control
- * Decision Making



DISTRACTED DRIVING

Distractions Driving is any activity that diverts a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger, & pedestrian safety.



3 Main Types of Distractions:

1. Visual — taking eyes off the road
2. Manual — taking hands off the wheel
3. Cognitive — taking mind off driving

**TEXTING INVOLVES ALL THREE
YOU ARE 23 TIMES
MORE LIKELY TO HAVE A CRASH**

Texting While Driving:

- When your eyes are off the road for up to 5 seconds, at 55 mph, car travels 300 feet -
 - ◊ It's like driving the length of a football field **BLINDFOLDED**
 - ◊ It's like driving with a BAC of .08 - **legally intoxicated = DWI**

IMPAIRED DRIVING

Impaired Driving is driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, other drugs (legal or illegal) or both.

Alcohol and drugs (legal/illegal) alter perception, cognition, attention, balance, coordination, and other abilities required for safe driving.

Almost half of all drivers killed in crashes tested positive for drugs, and had alcohol in their system.

Teens are at risk when:

- driving under influence of alcohol and/or other drugs
- riding with drivers under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs

A crash typically occurs within an average of three seconds after a driver is distracted.

Distractions - The Facts

Daily in the US -

- More than 9 people are killed
- More than 1,153 people are injured
- 11% of all drivers under age 20 in fatal crashes were distracted

Potential Distractions/Crash Risks:

- Using cell phone or smartphone
- Driving drowsy
- Reading
- Grooming/Make-up
- Eating/Drinking

More Passengers = More Risk of a Crash

- Risk of crash doubles with 1 passenger
- Risk of crash increases 5 times with 2 or more passengers

The Facts:

- Teen crashes involving alcohol, 1/3 result in fatalities
- Alcohol-related crashes cost the public more than \$199 billion yearly
- 2 in 3 people will be affected by impaired driving in their lifetime
- 23% of teens admit to driving under the influence of marijuana
- Marijuana use doubles the risk of car crash
- Drugs other than alcohol (marijuana/ cocaine) are involved in about 20% of motor vehicle driver deaths
- On average, a drunk driver will drive 80 times under the influence before his/her first arrest



10 WAYS TO KEEP TEENS SAFE



1. Always wear a seatbelt
2. Limit number of passengers
3. Restrict night driving
4. No alcohol or other drug use
5. No cell phone or text messages
6. Avoid distractions: eating, CDs, iPods
7. Keep eyes on road & hands on wheel
8. Obey traffic signs, signals & markings
9. Know the driving laws
10. Drive a safe car

TEEN DRIVING RESOURCES

NYS DMV for all Young Drivers

<http://dmv.ny.gov/younger-driver/younger-driver-resources>

Governor's Traffic Safety Committee

<http://www.safeny.ny.gov/>

NYS Department of Health

http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/injury_prevention/teens.htm

Official US Government Website - Distracted Driving

<http://www.distraction.gov/>

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

http://www.cdc.gov/MotorVehicleSafety/Teen_Drivers/

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute

<http://www.teendriversource.org/>

"Impaired driving is no accident. It is a serious and deadly crime. In the U.S, impaired driving kills someone every 53 minutes and injures every 90 seconds."