TEEN'S CRASH FOUR TIMES MORE OFTEN THAN ANY OTHER AGE GROUP

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Teens are at the highest risk of being involved in a car crash during their first 12 to 24 months of driving. Some of the leading causes of teen crashes include distraction, carry passengers, nighttime driving and speed.

(NHTSA)

A teen driver's fatality risk increases by 44 percent with one passenger, doubles with two passengers and quadruples when carrying three or more passengers.

American Automobile Association (AAA)

The more guided experience a young driver has, the safer that driver will be on the road.

More than 40 percent of teen driver fatal crashes occur between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

New Jersey teendriving.com

The parent resource for teen driving safety

www.njteendriving.com

Share the KEYS

NEW JERSEY PARENT/TEEN SAFE DRIVING ORIENTATION

Kean University in partnership with the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety and New Jersey State Police has developed ***Share the Keys***, a research based, data-driven orientation designed to reduce teen driver crash risks by increasing parental involvement.

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) laws are recognized as the single most effective tool for reducing teen driver crashes, injuries and deaths. While New Jersey's GDL is considered one of the most progressive and stringent in the United States, it must be clearly understood and supported by parents to save lives. To that end, ensuring that parents and teens fully understand the risks and responsibilities associated with driving is essential to teen driver safety.

Parental involvement has a significant impact on teen driver safety. *Driving through the Eyes of Teens, A Closer Look*, a research report from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute and State Farm, examined the impact parenting styles had on teen driver safety and found that teens whose parents set rules and pay attention to their driving activities in a helpful, supportive way are **half as likely** to be involved in a crash. The report presents the numerous safety gains experienced through this balanced parenting approach (authoritative) and provides a series of best practices.

For more information about *Share the Keys* visit:
www.njteendriving.com/share-the-keys

For more information on teen driver safety:

Division of Highway Traffic Safety
NJ Office of the Attorney General
800•422•3750
www.njsaferoads.com

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Understanding New Jersey's Graduated Driver License Program

SAFE PASSAGE

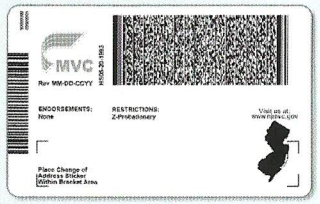
moving toward zero fatalities

WWW.NJSAFEROADS.COM

THE GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE PROGRAM FOR FIRST TIME DRIVERS

New Jersey residents who have never had a driver license must follow New Jersey's Graduated Driver License (GDL) program to get their first unrestricted basic driver license.

The GDL is designed to give new drivers increased, step-by-step instruction and driving experience on the road to obtaining a basic driver license. The GDL has been proven to save lives among new drivers and their passengers.



THE FACTS ABOUT THE LAW

- May not drive between 11:01 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- May only transport **one passenger**, unless the driver is accompanied by a parent or guardian or the passengers are the driver's dependents (children)
- Can not use a cell phone (hand-held or hands-free), hand-held video games or any other hand-held wireless electronic devices (i.e., ipods, GPS)
- Must ensure that they and all of their passengers wear seat belts
- Must display the GDL decals on any vehicle they drive
- Face a fine of $100 for a violation under the GDL
- May not plea bargain any point carrying offense

NEW JERSEY'S GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE PROGRAM

PERMIT STAGE

A. SPECIAL LEARNER'S PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least **16 years old**
- Obtain consent of a parent or guardian
- Enroll in an approved behind-the-wheel driver training course
- Pass the knowledge and vision test

B. EXAMINATION PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least **17 years old**
- Obtain consent of a parent or guardian
- Pass the knowledge and vision test
- Practice supervised driving for at least a **6 month** period of time.

LICENSE STAGE

A. PROBATIONARY LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least **17 years old**
- Pass the MVC road test
- Practice unsupervised driving for at least a **12 month** period of time

B. BASIC DRIVER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least **18 years old**
- Complete the unsupervised 12 month practice driving period
- Pay the required fee

PERMIT AND PROBATIONARY LICENSE RESTRICTIONS

DRIVING HOURS ..... **NO DRIVING BETWEEN 11:01PM - 5:00AM**

- Restriction does not apply to drivers **21 years of age** or older
- To qualify for the **work or religious exemption**, drivers must carry legible documentation on letterhead signed by the employer, organization or religious institution stating the reasons for the request to exempt from the curfew restriction. The letter must include signature, title, address and telephone number of the designated official.

PASSENGERS ..... **NO MORE THAN ONE (1) PASSENGER**

- Restriction does not apply to drivers **21 years of age** or older
- Unless the teen is accompanied by a **Parent/Guardian** or the passengers are the driver's **dependents (children)**

GDL DECAL ..... **REQUIRED**

- Placement on **Front and Rear License Plates**
- (Removable) $4 a pair available at **Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC)** locations throughout New Jersey

ELECTRONIC DEVICES ..... **NOT ALLOWED**

- No use of cell phones (handheld or hands-free), iPods etc.

SEATBELTS ..... **REQUIRED**

PLEA BARGAIN AGREEMENTS ..... **BANNED**

- Effective September 17, 2008, the Attorney General **banned** municipal prosecutors from offering plea agreements to all GDL holders.

For more information about the GDL licensing process, please visit www.njmvc.gov

New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission