

Teen Driver Safety

What You Don't Know

- Car crashes are the #1 killer of teens and young adults in the US. They are also the #1 cause of traumatic brain injury (TBI).
- Nationwide, 43 percent of first-year drivers and 37 percent of second-year drivers are involved in car crashes.
- Teen drivers are four times as likely to be killed and 14 times as likely to be injured in a car crash than any other age group.



- Distracted driving and driver error are the main reasons for crashes among teens.
- Two thirds of teens killed in car crashes were not wearing seat belts.

Drivers aged 16 to 19 have the highest average annual crash and traffic violation rates of any other age group, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



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What You Need to Know

Crashes Are Preventable!

Tips for Staying Safe Behind the Wheel

1. Make driving – not cell phones, friends, or the radio – your #1 priority.
2. Experience is valuable – get lots of practice.
3. Drive sober.
4. Stay in control of your emotions.
5. Always buckle up and make sure everyone else does too!
6. Be rested! Tiredness slows reaction time, decreases awareness, and impairs judgment.
7. Obey the speed limit.
8. If you're under 18, observe restrictions on driving times and passenger limits set by the Junior Operator License (JOL) guidelines.

