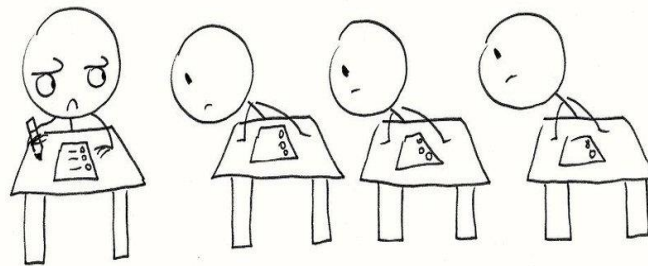




**Minnesota's  
Graduated Driver's License  
[GDL]  
Laws**

# THIS IS A TEST



## Understanding Minnesota's GDL Laws ----- and is it Working?

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1. For the first 6 months of licensure, teen drivers are allowed only \_\_\_\_\_ passenger(s) under age 20 who are not members of the driver's immediate family, unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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2. For the second 6 months of licensure, teen drivers are allowed only \_\_\_\_\_ passenger(s) under age 20 who are not members of the driver's immediate family, unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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3. In Minnesota, traffic crashes are the leading cause of teen deaths.

**TRUE            FALSE**

4. During the first 6 months of licensure, teen drivers are prohibited from driving between \_\_\_\_\_ (time) and \_\_\_\_\_ (time), unless they are accompanied by someone 25 or older.

**9 p.m. & 5 a.m.**

**11 p.m. & 6 a.m.**

**Midnight & 5 a.m.**

5. It's illegal for a 16-year-old licensed teen driver to use a cell phone while driving.

**True**

**False**

6. To take the Provisional Driver's License Test, teens must submit a driving log signed by a parent/guardian that shows a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ hours of supervised driving experience.

**Not Required**

**15**

**30**

**40**

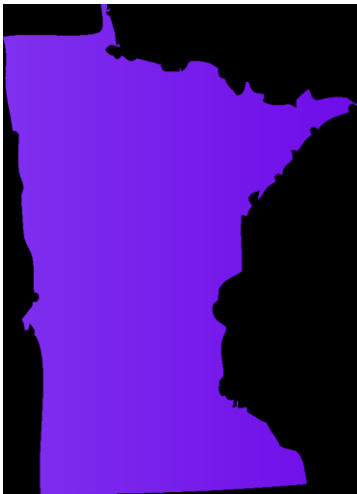
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7. A person's greatest chance of being in a fatal crash occurs \_\_\_\_\_
- a.) **during the first 6 to 12 months after receiving a license as a teenager.**
  - b.) **when a teen is issued an instruction permit and learning how to drive.**
  - c.) **after reaching the legal drinking age of 21.**

8. Minnesota Law requires:
- a.) **Driver education providers to provide a parent awareness class to any parent/guardian who chooses to receive it.**
  - b.) **A parent/guardian to attend a parent awareness class for their teen to be eligible to obtain a provisional driver's license.**

Answers will appear in **RED** throughout the presentation.

Traffic-related teen deaths have decreased in the past decade



## 16 & 17 Year Old Teens Killed

2005: 30

2014: 12

2015: 8

Presently, the second leading killer of 16 and 17 year olds  
**(3)**



# Minnesota's Teen Deaths

As of 11/8/16:

Age	Driver	Passenger	Pedestrian	<b>TOTAL</b>
16	4	2	1	7
17	0	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>

Source: DPS/OTS



## Teen Driving Risks

Inexperience

Risk Taking

Speeding

Low Belt Use

Distractions; *Phone, Texting, Web, Teen Passengers, etc.*

Nighttime

Drowsy

Impaired

85% of teen deaths and nearly 60% of teen injuries occur in Greater Minnesota.

**The greatest risk of being in a fatal crash is during the first year of licensure.**

Source: CDC (7)



## Young passengers increase fatal crash risks:

- **↑ 44%** with **one** passenger under 21
- **↑↑↑ Doubles** with **two** passengers under 21
- **↑↑↑↑↑ Quadruples** when carrying **three or more**

Source: AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety



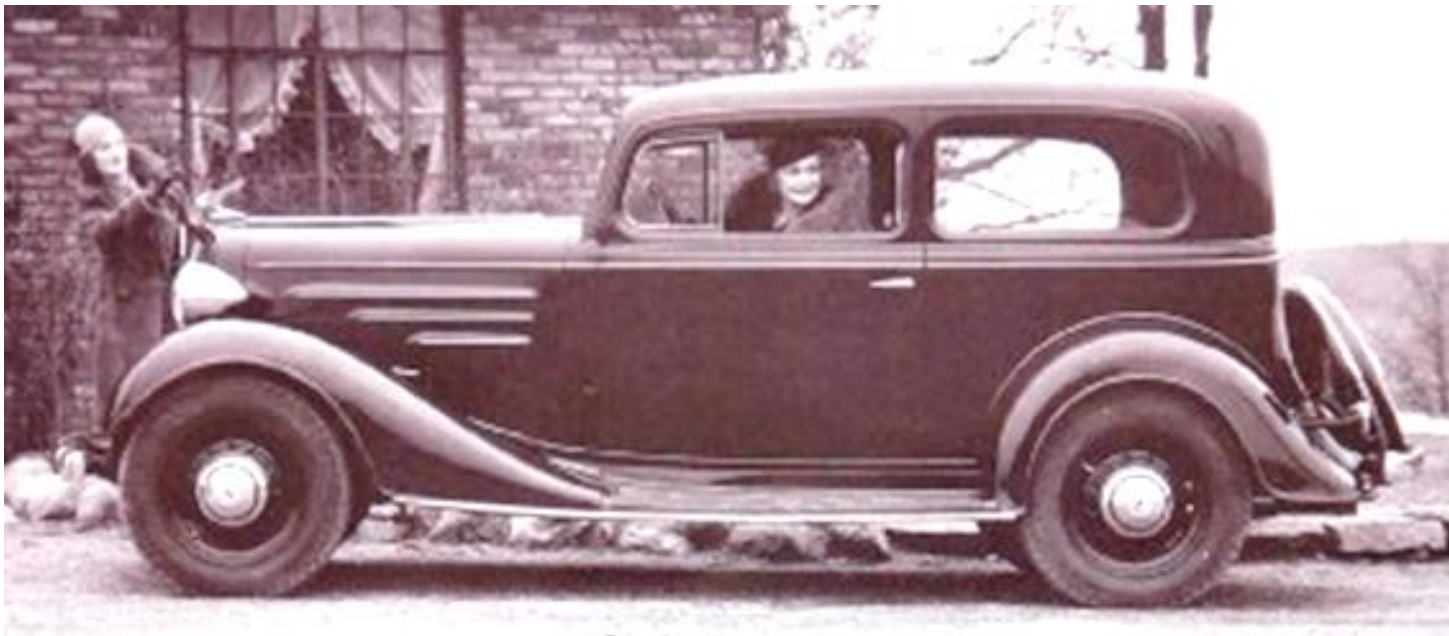
For 16 & 17 year old drivers,  
the risk of being killed  
**drops by 62%**  
when driving with someone age 35+,  
*compared to driving without any passengers.*



# Minnesota's Driver's Licensing History 1934

*For \$.25 each member of a household  
can be issued a driver's license*

*Any Age No Test*



# 1945

*New drivers must pass a driving test*



# 1963

*Minimum age to obtain a license raised to 16*



# 1967

*Driver education required  
for persons under age 18*





# 1987

*Applicants required to wear seat belts  
during driving test*





## Minnesota's GDL Laws

Provides new drivers (*under age 18*)  
with supervised experience  
to learn safe driving skills - over time –  
in lower-risk environments.

### Three Stages:

*Learner's Permit*      Age 15

*Provisional License*      Age 16

*Full License*      Age 18

## 1999

To obtain a provisional license, persons under 18:

- *Must hold an instruction permit for at least **six-months** with no moving or alcohol/substance violations.*
- *Must obtain at least **30 hours** of supervised experience, of which at least **10 must be at night**.*

## 2006

*Permit holders and Provisional licensees cannot use a cell phone while the vehicle is in motion.*

## 2008

Provisional Licensees:

For the first six-months of licensure;

- **No more than 1 passenger** *under the age of 20, unless accompanied by a parent/guardian. (1)*  
(family exempt)
- *Can't drive between **Midnight & 5 a.m.** (4)*  
*unless accompanied by a licensed driver 25 or older.*  
(work, school exceptions)

## 2008

Provisional Licensees:

For the subsequent six-months of licensure;

- **No more than 3 passengers** *under 20, unless accompanied by a parent/guardian. (2)*

*(family exempt)*



# Parents are the primary enforcers of GDL Laws

They need to know:

- Teen Driving Risks
- Teen Driving Laws
- What to do;
  - ✓ *Importance of their role*
  - ✓ *How to manage their teen drivers*



“When it comes to driving, parents need to place safety as a priority over convenience!”

“Remember to be a parent,  
*.....because your teen  
already has a lot of friends!*”



# 2015

Increased hours of supervised practice before licensure.

***At least 50 hours, of which at least 15 must be at night.***

(6)

Driving log, signed by parent, required to take driving test.

Date	Day Minutes	Night Minutes	Total Minutes	Skills Practiced
Jan. 20	120	30	150	Gravel roads in the country
Feb. 2	60	15	75	Two-lane paved highway, snow
March 10	30	15	45	Freeways & merging
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>Day: 210</b>	<b>Night: 60</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>Total Driving Hours: 4.5</b>

*I hereby affirm that I am the parent/guardian who has supervised my teen driver for the majority of the required driving hours, and that my teen has driven the hours listed above.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent/Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

## 2015

Driver Education Providers must offer a  
“Supplemental Parental Curriculum”  
to any parent/guardian **who chooses to receive it.**

(8 “a”)



# POINT OF IMPACT

## Teen Driver Safety Parent Awareness Classes

- 1.5 hr. class for parents *and their soon-to-be teen drivers*
- Driver Educators and Law Enforcement
- ✓ Power-point
- ✓ Video
- ✓ Q & A
- ✓ Handouts



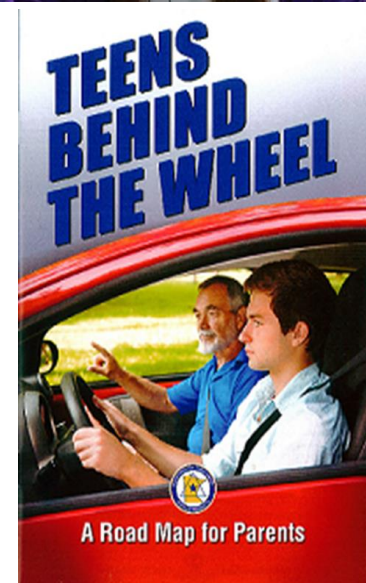
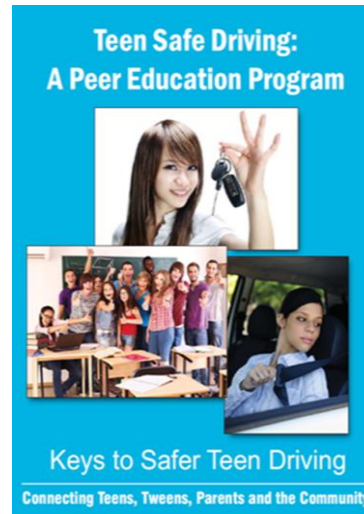
# POINT OF IMPACT

## Pilot Project

Evaluation: Parental pre- and post-class quiz

	<u>Pre-Class</u>	<u>Post-Class</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Passenger Restriction (first 6 months):	63%	87%	<b>+24%</b>
Nighttime Restriction (first 6 months):	43%	86%	<b>+43%</b>
Passenger Restriction (second 6 months):	23%	79.5%	<b>+56.5%</b>

# GDL EDUCATION / AWARENESS RESOURCES



# Minnesota Safety Council

TEENS REACHING TWEENS & TEEN PEER EDUCATION



**Teens Reaching Tweens  
Leader's Guide**

**Teen Safe Driving:  
A Peer Education Program**

A collage of three images on a blue background. The top image shows a young woman with long brown hair smiling and holding up a set of car keys with her right hand. The bottom-left image shows a group of diverse young people in a classroom setting, some standing and some sitting at desks. The bottom-right image shows a young woman with dark hair driving a car, looking forward.

**Keys to Safer Teen Driving**  
Connecting Teens, Tweens, Parents and the Community

# RESOURCES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

12 min. Webinar:

Reducing Teen Crashes, Injuries and Deaths,  
ENFORCING MINNESOTA'S GRADUATED DRIVER'S LICENSE LAWS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=st9B9kp50ro&feature=youtu.be>

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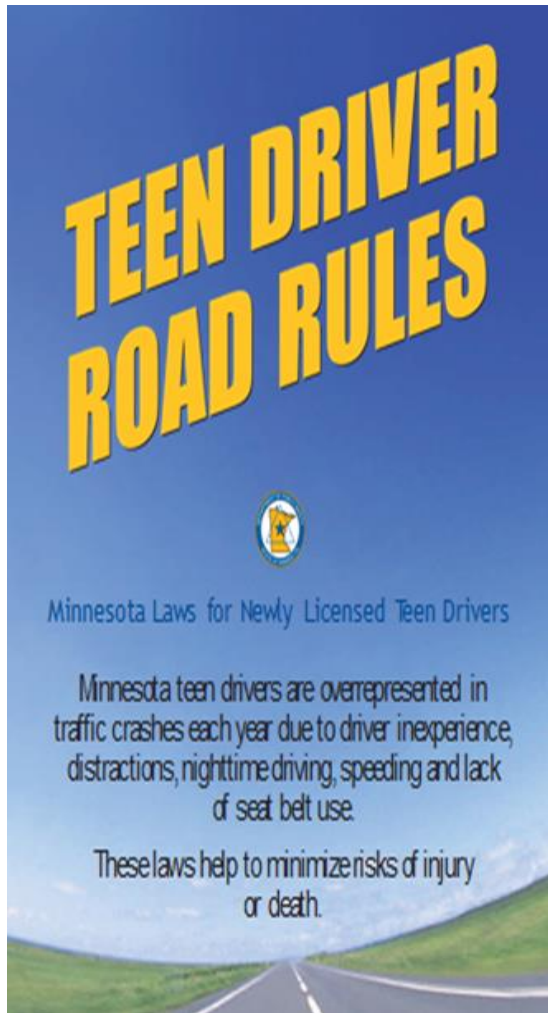
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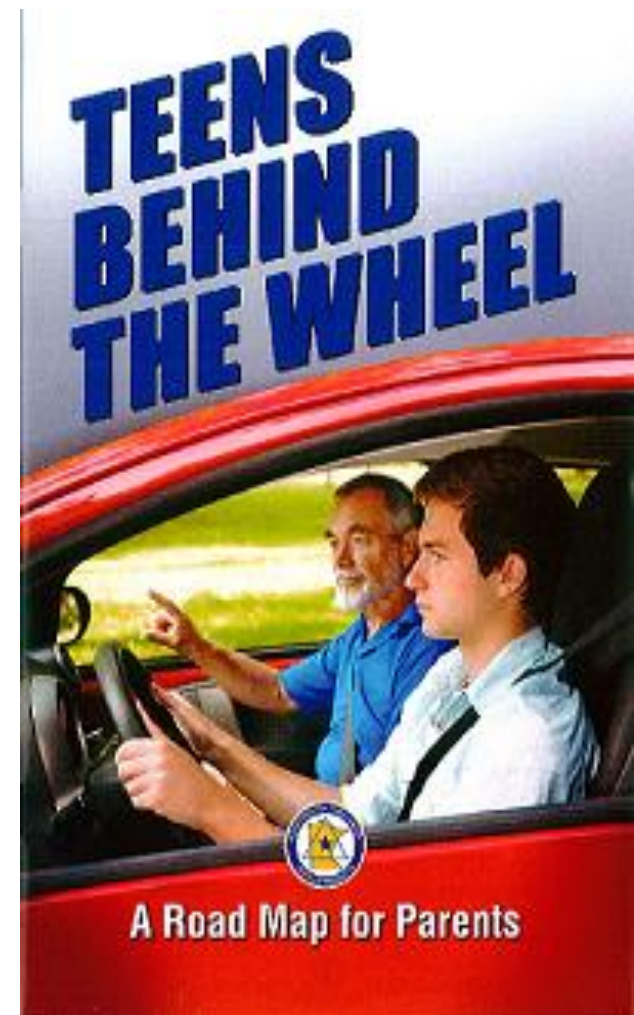
# Provisional Drivers — Under Age 18

Charge/Statute	Summary	Exemptions
<b>Nighttime Driving</b> 171.055 Subd. 2(b)	During the first six months of licensure — Driving prohibited midnight – 5 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) When accompanied by a licensed driver age 25 or older.</li> <li>(2) Between home and place of employment.</li> <li>(3) To/from home and school event for which the school has not provided transportation.</li> <li>(4) For employment purposes.</li> </ul>
<b>Teen Passengers</b> 171.055 Subd. 2(c)	During the first six months of licensure — Only one passenger under age 20 permitted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Accompanied by parent or guardian.</li> <li>(2) Members of the driver's immediate family.</li> </ul>
<b>Teen Passengers</b> 171.055 Subd. 2(c)	During the second six months of licensure — No more than three passengers under age 20 permitted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Accompanied by parent or guardian.</li> <li>(2) Members of the driver's immediate family.</li> </ul>
<b>Cell Phone Use</b> 171.055 Subd. 2(a)	No cell phone use (hand-held or hands-free) when the vehicle is in motion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) To obtain emergency assistance.</li> <li>(2) To prevent a crime about to be committed.</li> <li>(3) Reasonable belief that a person's life or safety is in danger.</li> </ul>
<b>Restricted Farm Work License</b> 171.041	Eligible at age 15. Used solely to assist parents or guardians with farm work only during daylight hours and within 20 miles of the farmhouse. May not drive to/from school or in a city with a population more than 100,000.	

## RESOURCES FOR EVERYONE



[ots.dps.mn.gov](http://ots.dps.mn.gov)



## QUIZ RESULTS:

Understanding Minnesota's GDL Laws  
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1. **One** teen passenger allowed first-6 months
2. **Three** teen passengers allowed next-6 months
3. **False**, traffic crashes = **second** leading cause of death
4. First-6 months, can't drive (unsupervised) **Midnight - 5 a.m.**
5. **True**, 16 year old can't use phone while driving
6. **50 hours** must be logged to take driving test..... \*(40)
7. **a.** Greatest risk of fatal crash during **first year** of licensure
8. **a.** D.E. must offer class, parents not required to attend.

**ZERO**

is the only  
acceptable goal  
when it comes to  
teen crashes  
and the resulting  
injuries and  
fatalities.