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.
   0  1  2  3  4  No Limit

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     50
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:

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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
we've come a long way baby!
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.*
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.*

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

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<th>Date</th>
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<td>Feb. 2</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>75</td>
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<td>March 10</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>Freeways &amp; merging</td>
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<td><strong>TOTALS:</strong></td>
<td><strong>Day: 210</strong></td>
<td><strong>Night: 60</strong></td>
<td><strong>270</strong></td>
<td><strong>Total Driving Hours: 4.5</strong></td>
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*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”)
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
### Pilot Project Evaluation: Parental pre- and post-class quiz

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<td>23%</td>
<td>79.5%</td>
<td>+56.5%</td>
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GDL EDUCATION / AWARENESS RESOURCES
Minnesota Safety Council

TEENS REACHING TWEENS & TEEN PEER EDUCATION

B4 U DRIVE

Teens Reaching Tweens Leader’s Guide

https://www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org/traffic/KeystoSaferTeenDriving.cfm
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
RESOURCES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

MINNESOTA TEEN DRIVER AND ALCOHOL USE LAWS
A Guide for Law Enforcement

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| **Nighttime Driving** 171.055 Subd. 2(b) | During the first six months of licensure — Driving prohibited midnight – 5 a.m. | (1) When accompanied by a licensed driver age 25 or older.  
(2) Between home and place of employment.  
(3) To/from home and school event for which the school has not provided transportation.  
(4) For employment purposes. |
| **Teen Passengers** 171.055 Subd. 2(c) | During the first six months of licensure — Only one passenger under age 20 permitted. | (1) Accompanied by parent or guardian.  
(2) Members of the driver’s immediate family. |
| **Teen Passengers** 171.055 Subd. 2(c) | During the second six months of licensure — No more than three passengers under age 20 permitted. | (1) Accompanied by parent or guardian.  
(2) Members of the driver’s immediate family. |
| **Cell Phone Use** 171.055 Subd. 2(a) | No cell phone use (hand-held or hands-free) when the vehicle is in motion. | (1) To obtain emergency assistance.  
(2) To prevent a crime about to be committed.  
(3) Reasonable belief that a person’s life or safety is in danger. |
| **Restricted Farm Work License** 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. | |

- **Provisional Drivers — Under Age 18**
RESOURCES FOR EVERYONE

TED DRIVER
ROAD RULES

Minnesota Laws for Newly Licensed Teen Drivers

Minnesota teen drivers are overrepresented in traffic crashes each year due to driver inexperience, distractions, nighttime driving, speeding and lack of seat belt use.

These laws help to minimize risks of injury or death.

TEENS BEHIND THE WHEEL

A Road Map for Parents

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QUIZ RESULTS:

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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.