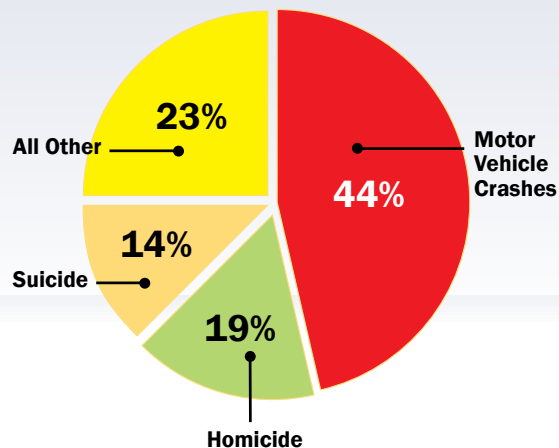


Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people ages 16 through 24 years old.

Traffic Crashes are the Leading Cause of Fatalities for Teens



Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) - 2003 DATA
NSC Family Safety & Health, Summer 2004

The fatality rate for young drivers (16 through 19 years old), based on estimated annual travel, is about 4 times as high as the rate for drivers 25 through 69 years old.

Teens are at the highest risk of being involved in a car crash during their first 12 to 24 months of driving.

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



GDL conditions and restrictions are imposed to reduce young drivers exposure to crash risk and save lives. Scientific evidence tells us that there are two conditions that are more dangerous for a teen: driving with other teens and driving at night.

More than half of all deaths involving crashes of 16 to 17 year old drivers occur when passengers under 20 years of age are being transported and there are no adults in the vehicle.

(Williams & Ferguson, 2002)

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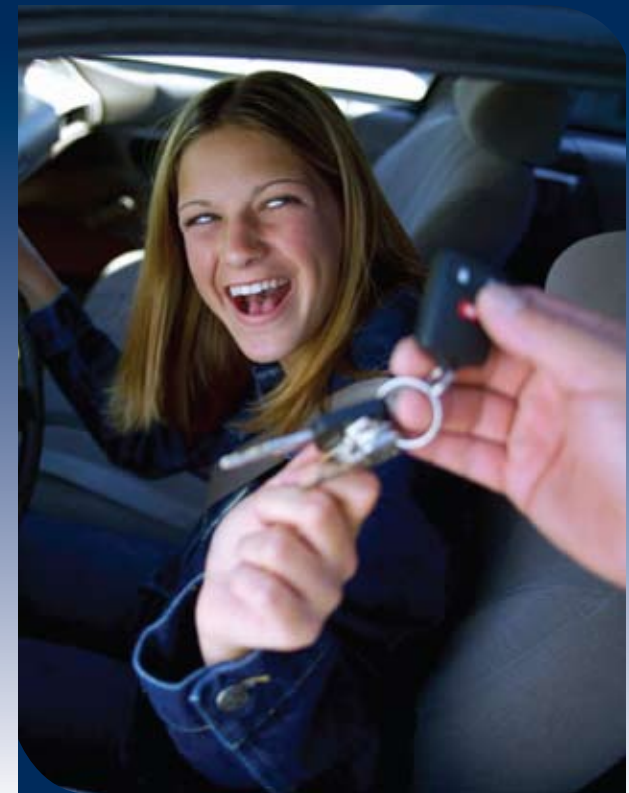
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THE GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE PROGRAM FOR FIRST TIME DRIVERS

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.

GDL is designed to give new drivers increased instruction and driving experience, step-by-step, on the road to obtaining a full basic driver license. GDL has been proven to save lives among new drivers and their passengers. Depending on your age and your preferences, choose one of the three roads. All roads lead to your driver license.

Special Learners Permit Driving Restrictions:

No driving between 11:01 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Drivers cannot use cell phones, hand held video games or any other hand held electronic devices. All student examination permit holders must be accompanied by an Adult Supervising Driver, in the front seat, who must possess a valid New Jersey driver license, be at least 21 years of age and licensed to drive for at least three years. Passengers must be from the driver's household, plus one additional person. The driver and all passengers are required to wear seat belts under GDL law.

Examination Permit Restrictions:

Any New Jersey resident who is at least 17 years old and is not in suspension status may obtain a driver examination permit at any MVC agency. No driving between 12:01 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. All examination permit holders must be accompanied by a supervising driver, in the front seat, who possesses a valid New Jersey driver license with a minimum of three years driving experience and is at least 21 years of age. Passengers must be from the driver's household, with one additional person allowed. If the permit holder is 21 years of age or older, passenger and hour restrictions do not apply. Drivers cannot use cell phones, hand held video games or any other hand held electronic devices. The driver and all passengers are required to wear seat belts under the GDL law.

Provisional Driver License Restrictions:

No driving between 12:01 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Passengers must be from the driver's household, plus one additional person. If the driver is at least 21 years old, there are no passenger or hour restrictions. Drivers cannot use cell phones, hand held video games or any other hand held electronic devices. The driver and all passengers are required to wear seat belts under GDL law.

THE EARLY-BIRD ROAD

1. Get a Special Learners Permit

You Must:

- Be at least 16 years old
- Obtain the signed consent of a parent or guardian
- Enroll in an approved behind-the-wheel driver-training course
- Pass MVC's Knowledge and Vision tests
- Pay the required fee

When you complete the driver-training course, MVC will VALIDATE your Special Learner's Permit. With a validated permit you can:

2. Practice Supervised Driving

You Must:

- Practice with an Adult Supervising Driver in the front Passenger Seat
- Observe the Special Learners Permit Driving Restrictions
- Practice for at least 6 months

Then you can:

3. Get a Provisional Driver License

You Must:

- Be at least 17 years old
- Complete the supervised driving period above without any suspensions or postponements
- Pass MVC's Road Test

With a Provisional License you can:

4. Practice Unsupervised Driving

You Must:

- Observe the Provisional Driver Restrictions
- Practice for at least one year

Then you can:

5. Get your Basic Driver License

You Must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Complete the unsupervised driving period above without any suspensions or postponements
- Pay the required fee

(Permit may not be used for practice driving until validated at an MVC driver testing center.)

THE YOUNG ADULT ROAD

1. Get an Examination Permit

You Must:

- Be at least 17 years old
- Obtain the signed consent of a parent or guardian
- Pass MVC's Knowledge and Vision tests
- Pay the required fee

When you complete the above requirements, MVC will give you a validated Examination Permit. With a validated permit you can:

2. Practice Supervised Driving

You Must:

- Practice with an Adult Supervising Driver in the front Passenger Seat
- Observe Examination Permit Driving Restrictions
- Practice for at least six months; if 21 years old, practice period is three months.

Then you can:

3. Get a Provisional License

You Must:

- Complete the supervised driving period above without any suspensions or postponements
- Pass MVC's Road Test

With a Provisional License you can:

4. Practice Unsupervised Driving

You Must:

- Observe Examination Provisional Driver Restrictions
- Practice for at least one year

Then you can:

5. Get the Basic Driver License

You Must:

- Complete the unsupervised driving period above without any suspensions or postponements
- Pay required fee

