

Teen Driver Safety Resources

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Teens in the Driver Seat

- Peer-to-peer school-based traffic safety program
- Started the program in the fall of 2013
 - Five schools participated in the 2013-2014 school year
 - Thirty-nine schools in the 2019-2020 school year
 - Includes 3 junior high schools
- Partners: FCCLA, Highway Safety, AAA NE, State Farm, Friedman Law, Drive Smart NE Coalition
- Free to Nebraska senior and junior high schools
- Implemented through school student organizations



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- School Locations
- ☐ Priority Counties

0 75 150 Miles



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Teen Driver Experience Survey

- Conducted yearly since 2013
 - Each school gets their own results summary
- Moved from paper to online survey
 - Collect on average 1,700 -2,000 surveys
- Trend report started in fourth year
- Most recent trend report results
 - Drove without seat belt
 - 35% (2014) to 24% (2018)
 - Rode without seat belt
 - 59% (2014) to 46% (2018)
 - Drove after midnight- POP only
 - 64% (2014) to 49% (2018)



Parents Drive the Message

- Parent outreach campaign to improve knowledge on graduated driving licensing provisions
 - Teens reached too
- Educational materials include
 - GDL informational card
 - Parent-teen driving agreement
 - Social media posts
 - Infographics, radio, tv and theater ads



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• Materials



Safe Teen Driving Begins With You.



Role Model Safe Driving Habits



Learn About GDL laws and enforce them.



Complete a parent-teen driving agreement.

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Nebraska Graduated Driver Licensing [GDL]

DRIVING RESTRICTIONS



Cell Phones:

No use of any type of interactive wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle while in motion. Violation carries a \$200 fine for first offense and assessed points on license. Second offense is \$300 fine and a third offense is \$500.



Seat Belts:

All occupants riding with a permit holder, including the driver, must wear a seat belt. Violation carries a \$25 fine. Citation issued to GDL permit holder.*



After Hours:

Holder of a Provisional Operat Permit (POP) shall not drive from midnight to 6 AM unless to or from school activities or work. Violation carries a one point assessment on driving record.*



Alcohol:

ZERO BALANCE (alcohol and other drugs) laws for drivers under the age of 21. First offense results in court impounding permit or license for 30 days. A driver under 21 is subject to the same DUI laws as a person age 21 or over if the blood alcohol content is .08 (BAC) or greater.*



Passengers:

Holder of a School Permit (SCP) may only transport family members who reside with them to the school attended by the holder.

NE GDL INCLUDES:
school learners permit, school permit, learners permit, provisional operators permit.

*DISCLAIMER

The above list of violations is not inclusive and there are other Nebraska law violations that can affect driving permits and driving privileges upon judgement of an insurance for the specific violation.

Violation of *ALL* driving restrictions can result in a suspended or revoked license. Individuals under 21 accumulating six or more points within one year are required to take a driver improvement course within three months.

GDL laws are in place for your teen's safety. They keep your teen safe by keeping them out of situations (those above) that put them at higher risk for a crash.

Nebraska GDL laws cover teens ages 14 to 17. A teen driver must hold a POP for one year before receiving an unrestricted license.

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GDL RESOURCES

dhhs.ne.gov/pages/teen-vehicle-safety.aspx
www.drive-nebraska.gov

For more info, contact
402-471-2515

I, _____

I agree to follow all the rules and restrictions in this contract. I understand that my parents will impose penalties, including removal of my driving privileges, if I violate this contract. I also understand that my parents will allow me greater driving privileges as I become more experienced and as I demonstrate that I am always a safe and responsible driver.



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Parent/Teen Driving Agreement



I promise that I will obey all the rules of the road



Always wear a seat belt and make all my passengers buckle up.



Obey all traffic lights, stop signs, other street signs, and road markings.



Stay within the speed limit and drive safely.



I will not drive with more than one passenger that is under the age of 19 who is not family for the first 6 months.



I promise that I will stay focused on driving



Never Text (texting, reading or sending messages) while driving or sitting at a stoplight.



Never talk on the cell phone.



Drive with both hands on the wheel.



Never eat or drink while driving.



Drive only when I am alert and in emotional control.



Never use headphones or earbuds to listen to music when I drive.



As a passenger, share the responsibility for arriving safely with my driver and offer help so my driver does not drive distracted.



I promise that I will respect laws about drugs and alcohol



Never use alcohol or drugs.



Never ride with someone who is driving impaired (using alcohol or drugs).



Never allow any alcohol or illegal drugs in my car.



As your parent/guardian,



I will serve as a good role model when operating a vehicle; use my seatbelt, no cell phone use, and obey traffic laws.



I agree to come get you at any hour, from any place, with no questions asked and no argument at that time. I expect a discussion of such an incident at a later time.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Teen Signature

Date

Grant Opportunities and Online Resources

- Educational Mini-grants available through the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation Highway Safety Office
- Drive Smart Nebraska website
 - www.drivesmartne.org
- Nebraska Injury Prevention Program
 - www.parentsdrivethemessage.ne.gov
- Summer Safety
 - 100 deadliest days of summer
 - Teen-related traffic crashes increase during summer months
 - Focus messaging around seat belt use, distracted driving, speeding
 - Graduated Driver Licensing laws

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