For 16 & 17 year old drivers...

1 out of 8 (11%) drivers will be involved in a crash during the first 3 YEARS of driving.

Approx. 1 out of 11 of 16 yr old drivers...

9% will have a serious crash before his/her 17th birthday.

36 young drivers in Michigan are involved in a fatal crash each year.

For every 2 miles driven, the average driver makes 200 observations, 40 decisions, and one mistake. Once every 500 miles, one of those decisions leads to a near-collision.

Due to lack of driving experience, the largest category of error in young driver fatal crashes is SPEEDING.

If you were the driver and survived a fatal crash caused by you, how would this affect your life?
When do fatal crashes occur for young drivers?

1. **Why is 9 pm to Midnight a dangerous time period for young driver fatal crashes?**
   - The most dangerous time of day is the three-hour period after school (2:00 PM - 5:00 PM).

2. **Why do young driver fatal crashes occur in May?**
   - 17% between 9:00 PM & Midnight...
   - ...13% between Midnight & 6:00 AM

3. **Why is the “after school” time period the most dangerous for young driver fatal crashes?**
   - 51% in daylight

4. **The highest number of deaths (38) in May & October**
   - 27% in the dark on unlit roads

   Additional information:
   - 33% on Friday & Saturday
A defensive driver anticipates danger to avoid crashes. Give examples of how you can drive defensively in these areas?

How can you reduce your risk when driving in these areas?

**For young drivers, fatal crashes occur:**

- 97% on roadways with a speed limit of 55 MPH or less
- 76% on rural area roads
- 69% on sections of roadway where no traffic control devices are in effect
- 53% while driving on straight roads
- 20% at stop signs
- 14% on roadways with a speed limit of 35 MPH or less
- 11% on roadways where traffic control devices are in effect