A 16- or 17-year-old driver’s risk of being killed in a crash increases when there are young passengers in the vehicle.

- **Increases** by 44% when one passenger is present.
- **Doubles** (88%) when two passengers are present.
- **Quadruples** (132%) when three or more passengers are present.

The driver dies in approx. 1/3 of all fatal crashes involving novice drivers.

In fatal crashes involving young drivers, 2/3 of those killed are other passengers, drivers, bicyclists, or pedestrians, with occupants in the young driver’s vehicle accounting for 46% of the fatalities.

You’re driving two friends home from school. Everyone is buckled up as you requested. As you drive, the friend in the back seat unbucks his/her seat belt and reaches across the front seat to turn up the radio. The friend in front turns around and starts tossing books into the back seat. What do you do?

What rules or limitations will you create when you drive with other passengers?
Over half of young drivers are not driving the types of vehicles recommended for them:

- Midsize & Large Passenger

In fatal crashes involving young drivers, of the vehicles driven:
- 50% are 10 years old or older
- 82% are 6 years old or older

Teenage vehicle owners are likely to:
- Drive more miles
- Take more risks
- Receive more traffic violations
- Be involved in more crashes than those who do not own a vehicle and drive their parents

According to the Insurance for Highway Safety before purchasing a vehicle you should research the vehicles crashworthiness

- Your friend has just bought a new car and wants to take you for a ride. He or she is driving through your neighborhood at 20 mph over the speed limit. What would you do?

- When researching your vehicles crashworthiness, what safety features are you looking for?

- What measures can you take to safely drive an older vehicle?

Safe Vehicle Resources:
WHAT TYPES OF FATAL CRASHES ARE YOUNG DRIVERS INVOLVED IN?

- List possible reasons why there are fewer single-vehicle fatal crashes involving young drivers.
- What are some possible errors and/or risks that are causing more multi-vehicle vs. single-vehicle fatal crashes involving young drivers?
- List possible errors that could cause a young driver to be involved in a fatal rear-end crash.
- List possible errors that could cause a young driver to be involved in a head-on collision.

- Involved in Single Vehicle Crashes
  - Young 36% VS. 34% All Drivers

- 64% involve two or more vehicles
- 14% are head-on with another vehicle
- 3% are rear-end crashes