FAST FACTS

Distraction



Six out of 10 teen crashes involve driver distraction.



A teen driver's risk of being killed in a crash increases with each additional passenger in the vehicle.

Seat Belts



Seat belts increase the chance of surviving a crash by nearly 50 percent.

Nighttime



Among nighttime crashes involving teens, nearly 60 percent happen between 9 p.m. and midnight.

MICHIGAN GDL

Graduated driver licensing laws that help teen drivers stay safe

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) can reduce teen crash risk by as much as 50 percent.



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LEARNER'S LICENSE

 Always supervised by a licensed parent, legal guardian, or designated driver age 21 or older.

- Prohibited from texting and using a hand-held cellphone while driving (Kelsey's Law).
- Requires seat belts for everyone in the front seat and everyone under age 16 in the vehicle.





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INTERMEDIATE LICENSE

- Shall not operate a motor vehicle with more than one passenger younger than 21 years of age except when the additional passengers are immediate family members.
- Shall not operate a motor vehicle between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- Exceptions to the passenger and nighttime restrictions include:
 - When driving to or from work, or in the course of employment.
 - While driving to or from an authorized activity.
 - When accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, or a licensed driver 21 years of age or older, designated by the parent or legal guardian.

- Prohibited from texting and using a hand-held cellphone while driving (Kelsey's Law).
- Requires seat belts for everyone in the front seat and everyone under age 16 in the vehicle.
- Penalties for violating GDL restrictions:
 - A civil infraction resulting in two points on a teen's license.
 - Extension of the Level 2 license period for 12 months.
 - Driver re-examination and possible license suspension and/or additional restrictions.
- Authorized Activity:
 - A school or a school-sanctioned event or activity (public, private or home).
 - An event or activity sponsored by a religious organization that is tax-exempt under federal law.

- A sporting event or activity, or extracurricular event or activity, that is not school-sanctioned but that is part of an official sports league or association, or an official extracurricular club, or that is paid for as a service offered by a business specializing in those events or activities, or training for those events or activities.
- A class or program of vocational instruction offered by a college, community college, nonprofit association, unit of government, or a business specializing in vocational training.
- Transporting an individual in need of immediate emergency care or personal protection to a health care professional, hospital, police station, domestic violence shelter, or public safety location.

KELSEY'S LAW

All Level 1 and 2 holders, under the GDL program, are prohibited from using a cell phone while driving under Kelsey's Law except when:

 Reporting a traffic crash, medical emergency, or serious road hazard.

- Reporting a situation if the person believes his or her personal safety is in jeopardy.
- Reporting or averting the perpetration of a criminal act.
- Using a voice-operated system integrated into the vehicle.

Violations will be a civil infraction and fees associated with the original ticket up to \$240. No points will be assessed.

FULL DRIVING PRIVILEGES

- Must be age 17 or older.
- Have Level 2 Intermediate License for at least six months.
- 12 consecutive months crash and violation-free.

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