

TEENS and NEW DRIVERS



CAUSES OF CRASHES:

- Lack of experience
- Attitudes
- Dangerous Behaviors

BUTLER COUNTY STATS AND FACTS:

60 Percent
of youth killed or seriously injured in Butler County were not wearing their seat belt at the time of the crash

406 people/families
Were dramatically impacted by fatal and serious injury car crashes involving youth in Butler County in the last 5 years

23x more
Drivers are 23x more likely to be in a crash if texting while driving

\$659 annually
The average annual premium for a teen driver in Ohio*
*5th highest in the nation

State of Ohio Graduated Drivers License (GDL)

[Ohio GDL Made Easy \(video\)](#)

Lack of Experience

Teen motor vehicle crashes, like 90% of all crashes, are preventable. The risk of motor vehicle crashes is higher among teens aged 16-19 than among any other age group. In fact, per mile driven, teen drivers in this age group are nearly 3x more likely than drivers aged 20 and older to be in a fatal crash. Teens who are at **especially high risk** for motor vehicle crashes:



#1 CAUSE OF TEEN CRASHES
INEXPERIENCE!

- Male – in 2017, the motor vehicle death rate was over 2x higher than for female drivers of the same age
- Teens driving with teen passengers
- **Newly licensed teens** – the crash rate per mile driven is 1.5x higher for 16-year-olds than it is for 18-19 year-olds

Getting licensed only means teens have met state-required practice hours and have passed an on-road test. While they may have a basic knowledge of how to navigate their vehicles in high traffic areas and other challenging situations, they need to gain much more driving experience.

Gaining Experience Resources:

[National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\) Teen Driving](#)

[TeenDriversource.org Pick Your Practice](#)

[Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving School](#)

[Ford Driving Skills for Life](#)

[B.R.A.K.E.S. \(Be Responsible and Keep Everyone Safe\)](#)

[How to Teach Your Teen to be a Safe Driver \(video \(funny\)\)](#)

[NHTSA Traffic Safety Young Drivers Stats](#)

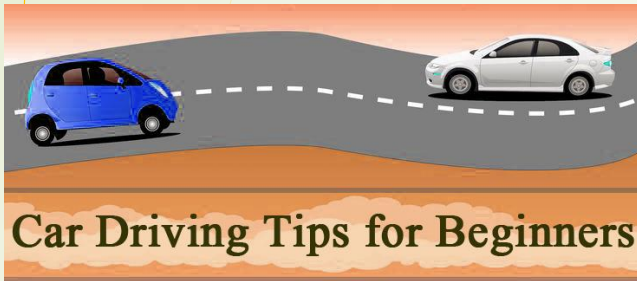


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Attitude

Research into adolescent brain development explains why established teen driver-education programs have not been more effective in reducing teen crash statistics. Areas in the brain involved in multi-tasking, impulse control, and the ability to envision consequences – areas crucial for driving – are still **developing until age 25.**

A sampling of teen attitudes from a recent study:



1	Speed Guidelines Follow Road Speed Guidelines diligently; a journey that stretches on for a few minutes longer is infinitely desirable than losing a life.	
2	Blind Overtaking Blind overtaking is to be avoided, for it not only endangers one's own life, but also the lives of co-passengers and the travellers in the oncoming vehicle (s).	
3	Vehicle Maintenance Lax Vehicle Maintenance is often the cause of accidents. Steering & suspension components are some of the oft-neglected, yet highly vital aspects that must be checked.	
4	Air Pressure Incorrect air-pressure levels can seriously destabilize a vehicle. They lead to blow-outs in extreme cases. Weekly tire pressure checks and/or before a long trip help go a long way.	
5	Adequate Sleep Ensure adequate sleep before getting behind the wheel. Drivers sleeping off when in motion are one of the key reasons for high accident rates.	
6	Alcohol Alcoholic intake or consumption of intoxicants is best avoided when driving.	
7	Seatbelts The simple act of wearing a seatbelts before starting out is an important life-saving habit.	

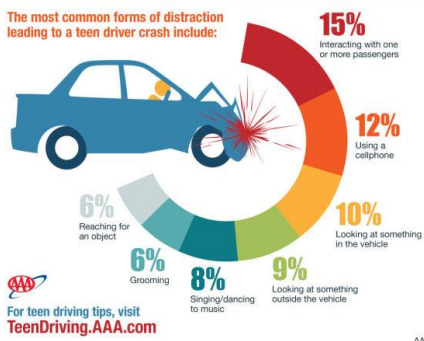
- > I'm faced with a lot of distractions
- > I'm sober, I'm safe
- > Speeding is normal
- > It's not me, it's them
- > I'm a good driver, not a safe driver (teens don't view "good" and "safe" driving as one and the same)

Attitude and Dangerous Behaviors Resources:

- [What are Visual Distractions While Driving? National Safety Council \(NSC\)](#)
- ["Understanding the distracted brain"](#)
- [The Hazards of Distracted Driving \(Video\)](#)
- [End Distracted Driving \(EndDD.org\)](#)
- [AAA Distracted Teens Crash Causation \(video\)](#)
- [MADD Website](#)

Dangerous Behaviors

6 OUT OF 10 teen crashes involve driver distraction.



“Distracted Driving: It’s Not Just Your Cellphone”



SLEEP DEPRIVED IS NO WAY TO DRIVE	ADULTS AGED 18-29 ARE MOST AT RISK 1.2 MILLION COLLISIONS ARE CAUSED BY DRIVERS DRIVING EACH YEAR	PAY ATTENTION TO THE WARNING SIGNS TROUBLE KEEPING EYES OPEN DAYDREAMING DRIFTING OUT OF YOUR LANE YAWNING FREQUENTLY MISSING SIGNS OR YOUR INTENDED TURN FEELING IRRITABLE
TRICKS WON'T HELP	ROLLING DOWN THE WINDOW TURNING UP THE RADIO	BLASTING THE AC THEY AREN'T ENOUGH TO STAVE OFF DROWSINESS!



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Information for Parents/Educators

Parents are the Key to Safety:

There are steps you can take to help make sure your teen stays safe on the road. The first thing to do? Be the parent. Get involved in your teen's driving.



PARENT-TEEN DRIVING AGREEMENT

I, _____ will drive carefully and cautiously and will be courteous to other drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians at all times.

I PROMISE.

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
- Never use the car to race or to try to impress others
- Never give rides to hitchhikers

I promise that I will make sure I can stay focused on driving.

- Never text while driving (writing, reading or sending messages)
- Never talk on the cell phone — including handsfree devices or speakerphone — while driving
- Drive with both hands on the wheel
- Never eat or drink while driving
- Drive only when I am alert and in emotional control
- Call my parents for a ride home if I am impaired in any way that interferes with my ability to drive safely, or if my driver is impaired in any way
- Never use headphones or earbuds to listen to music while I drive

I promise that I will respect laws about drugs and alcohol.

- Drive only when I am alcohol and drug free
- Never allow any alcohol or illegal drugs in the car
- Be a passenger only with drivers who are alcohol and drug free

I promise that I will be a responsible driver.

- Drive only when I have permission to use the car and I will not let anyone else drive the car unless I have permission
- Drive someone else's car only if I have parental permission
- Pay for all traffic citations or parking tickets
- Complete my family responsibilities and maintain good grades at school as listed here: _____

Contribute to the costs of gasoline, maintenance, and insurance as listed here: _____

Drive it HOME

AAA **KEYS2DRIVE**
The AAA Guide to Teen Driver Safety



TEEN DRIVING PLAN
Practice Guide YouTube Videos

[Parent-Supervised Driving Lesson Plans](#)

[Teen Driving Practice Guide](#)

[TeenDrivingPlan Goal Checklist](#)

Ford Driving Skills FOR LIFE

Impact Teen Drivers

Additional Resources:

[CDC Parents Are the Key to Safe Teen Drivers Downloadable Materials](#)

[National Safety Council \(NSC\) Parents Are the Key](#)

[Teens Speak Up About Parents' Risky Driving Behaviors](#)

[Educators & Parents -- Ford Driving Skills for Life](#)

[Educators -- Impact Teen Drivers Programs](#)



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Need to take a juvenile remedial driving course for a 2-point credit on your license or to get your license renewed? Safety Council of Southwestern Ohio offers classes.

[Click here for a list of upcoming dates.](#)

Butler County Statistics on Teen/Youth/New Drivers

Additional Resources:

[The Ultimate List of Driving Statistics for 2020](#)

[AT&T It Can Wait \(Videos\)](#)

[Take this Phone and Glove It](#)

[Students Against Destructive Decisions \(SADD\)](#)

[Teen DUI Statistics and Impaired Driving](#)

[CDC Eight Danger Zones for Teens Behind the Wheel](#)

[AAA Teen Driver Safety \(YouTube Videos\)](#)

[Impact Teen Drivers \(YouTube Videos\)](#)

[Teen Driving Plan Practice Guide \(YouTube Videos\)](#)

[National Safety Council \(NSC\) Teen Drivers \(Videos\)](#)



Other Butler County Statistics:

[Butler County Statistics on Seat Belt Use](#)

[Butler County Statistics on Distracted Driving](#)

[Butler County Statistics on Impaired Driving](#)

[Butler County Statistics on Mature Drivers](#)

[Butler County Statistics on Other Road Users](#)

Other Butler County Safe Communities' pages:

[Seat Belts and Car Seats](#)

[Impaired Driving](#)

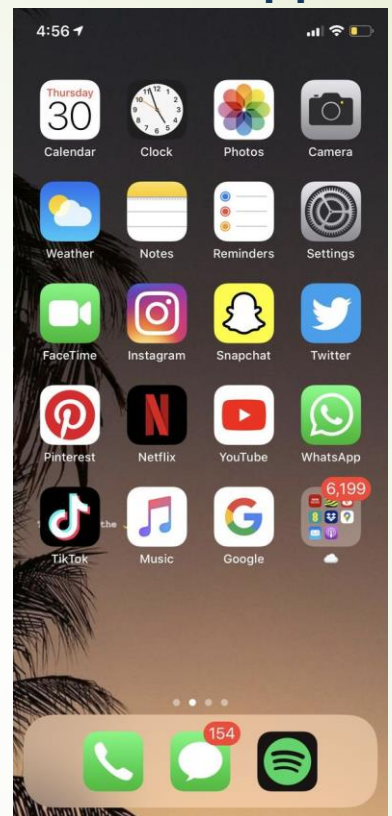
[Distracted Driving](#)

[Mature Drivers](#)

[Pedestrians & Other Road Users](#)

[Other Safety Focus Areas](#)

Get Your Head Out of Your Apps



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