



NJ TEEN DRIVER STUDY COMMISSION


*Improving Teen
Driver Safety*

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Est. by Governor Corzine March 2007
Report issued March 2008

“To conduct a comprehensive review of teen driving in New Jersey and make recommendations that will ultimately reduce crashes and save lives”.



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ESSENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

“14...essential for stemming the tide of teen driver crashes...”

Sanctions

Vehicle Identifier

Parent/Teen Orientation

Permit Length

Training & Education

Seat Belts

Funding

Technology

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NJ TEEN CRASHES

- Every 10 minutes a teen crashes
- Over 400 teen drivers/passengers killed ('01-08)
- 56,962 crashes in 08, - 3%
- 6% of driving population 13% crashes

US TEEN CRASHES

- #1 killer of teens
 - 6,000 deaths every yr, 16 a day
 - At highest level of risk during first 18-24 mo
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NJ TEEN CRASHES

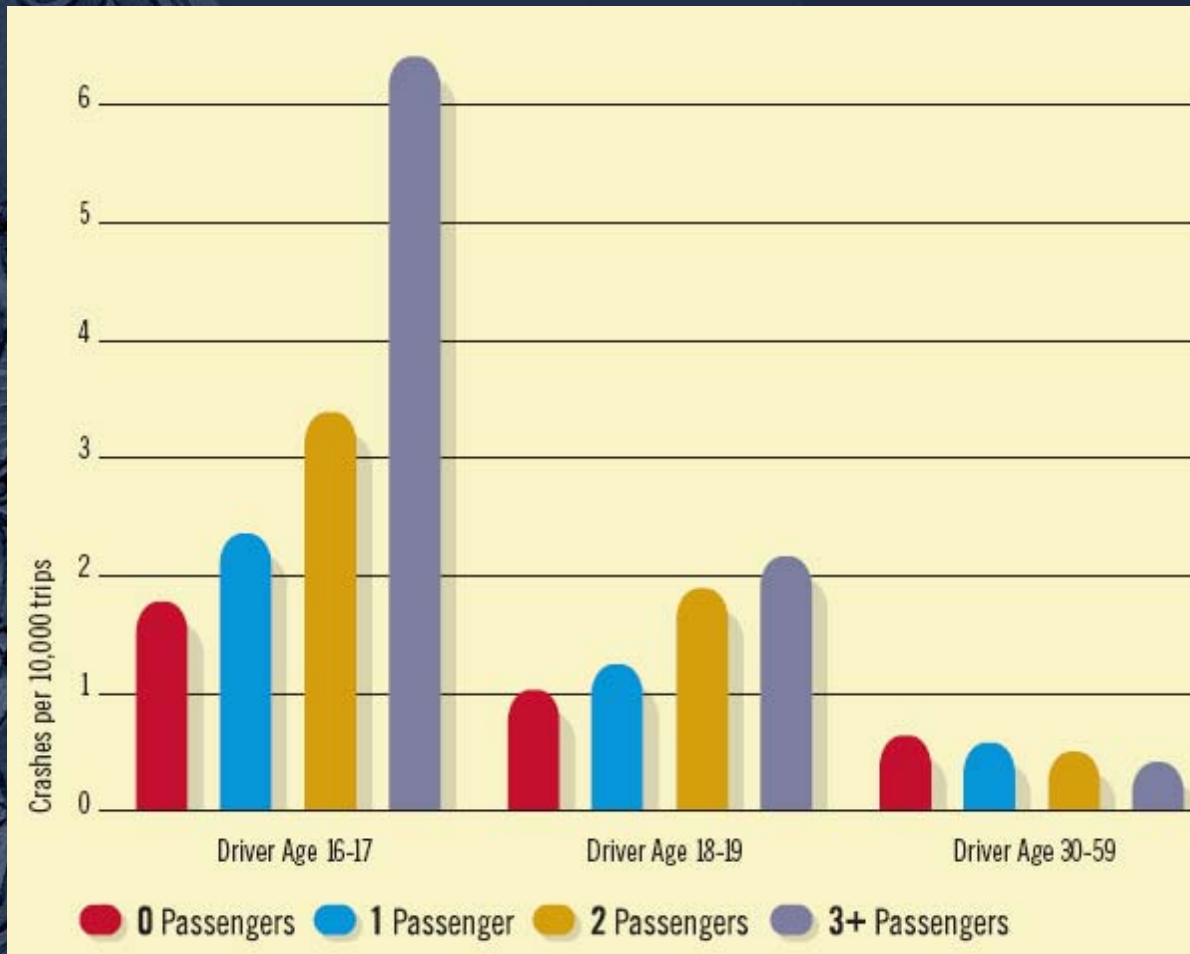
- Prevalence in May, December, June
 - Friday, 3-6 p.m. & Noon-3 p.m.
 - Middlesex County (suburban) greatest #
 - Hudson County (urban) lowest #
 - Sussex County (rural) greatest % of all crashes (1 out of 4)
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CRASH CAUSATION FACTORS

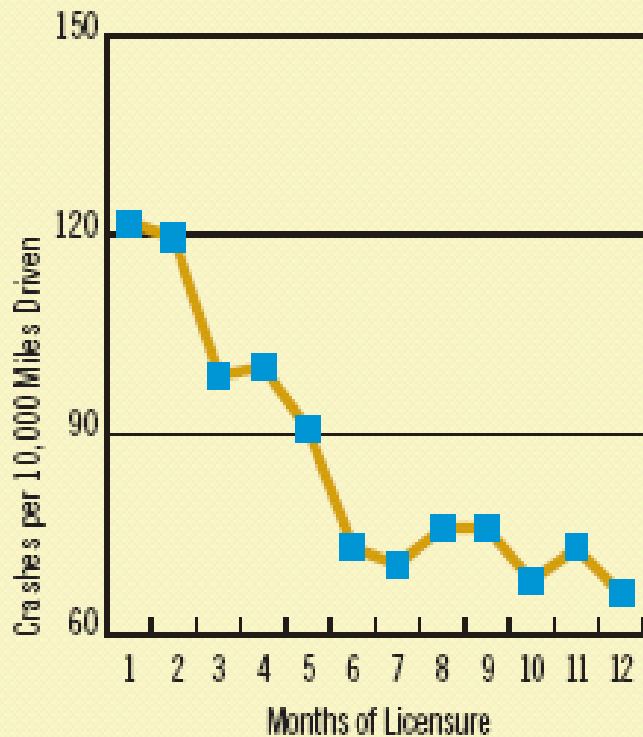


- Distraction: Passengers, Cell Phones, iPods
 - Overconfidence: Speed, Tailgating
 - Inexperience: Failure to Yield, Nighttime Driving, Inclement Weather, Rail Crossings, Work Zones
 - Seat Belts
 - Drowsiness
 - Alcohol/Drugs
 - Brain Development
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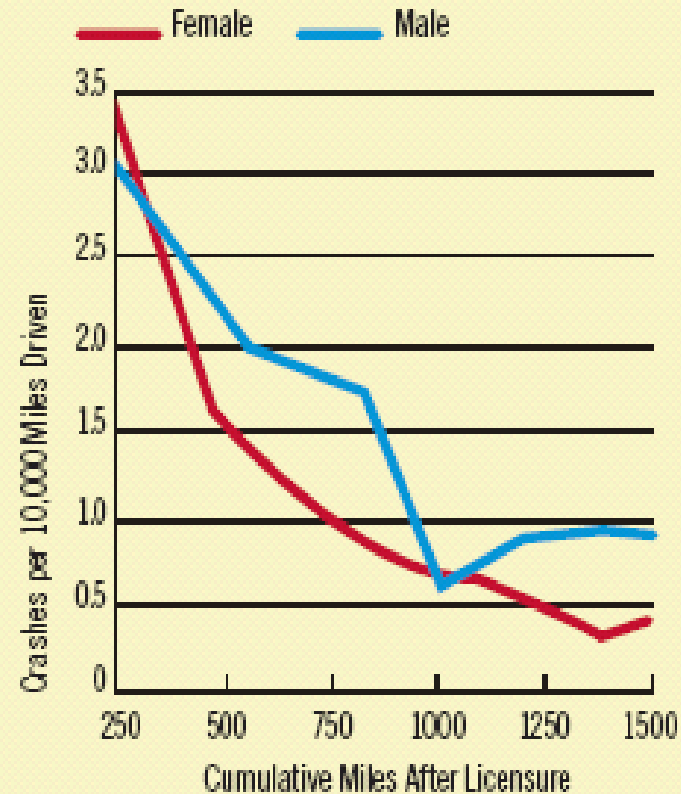
PASSENGER RISK



EXPERIENCE MATTERS



Source: Mayhew, 2002



Source: McCart, Shabenova & Leaf, 2001


CURRENT GDL LAW



Permit at 16 (6 hrs. BTW) or 17
(hold min. 6 months)

License at 17
(hold provisional license min. 12 months)

Restrictions: nighttime, passengers, seat belts,
portable electronic devices



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REFORMING UNSAFE DRIVERS

Attorney General Directive

Effective Sept. 17, 2008 – bans municipal prosecutors from offering plea agreements to all GDL holders

3 points triggers training and monitoring for 12 months; additional points trigger 90 day suspension

17 yr olds #1 user of “unsafe operator”

IDENTIFYING GDL HOLDERS

NEW JERSEY CLASS: D
PROVISIONAL AUTO LICENSE

D6101 40700 07884 Motor Vehicle Commission
DOB: 07-16-1991

JOHN PUBLIC
1 MVC WAY
GARDEN STATE NJ 08866

ISSUED: 07-17-2008 EXPIRES: 07-31-2012
ENDR: RESTR: Z

John Public
Chief Administrator

SEX: M
HGT: 5-09
EYES: BRN

UNDER 21 UNTIL 07-16-2012

ORGAN DONOR
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MS-INI 6.00

AA07-16-1990



ENDORSEMENTS: RESTRICTIONS:
Z Provisional

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CHECKING UP ON YOUR TEEN



MVC Customer Contact Center

Free Verbal Abstracts (\$10 paper copy)

(609) 292-6500 or (888) 486-3339

Supply: parent and teen's names, DOBs, address,
d-license #s

Accidents, violations, municipal court & MVC
administrative actions, privilege status



LEGISLATION



Two bills signed into law by Governor Corzine

A3069/S2314 – vehicle identifier

A3070/S16 – nighttime and passenger restrictions,
“probationary”

Both effective May 1, 2010



KYLEIGH'S LAW




PENDING GDL CHANGES

Issue	Now	May 1, 2010 *
Driving Hours (No driving between)	12:01 AM - 5:00AM	11:00PM – 5:00 AM
Passengers	From Household only, One additional outside household	No more than ONE (1) passenger.
GDL Decal	Not Required	Required
Electronic Devices	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
Seatbelts	Required	Required

IMPLICATIONS




- No grandfathering
 - Decal most likely: removable, reflectorized, non-descript, affixed to front & rear I-plates, multiple distribution channels
 - \$100 fine for failure to display
 - Eliminates “family chauffer” syndrome
 - Passenger exemption for dependents
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WEB RESOURCES



NJteendriving.com

- GDL law
 - Contracts
 - Crash maps
 - Choosing a driving school
 - Buying your teen a car
 - Insurance
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PARENTS ARE KEY


Teens of parents who set clear rules:

- Half as likely to crash
- Twice as likely to wear seat belts
- 71% less likely to drive intoxicated
- 30% less likely to drive intoxicated

And control the keys – crash risk drops significantly when access isn't easy!

FINAL THOUGHTS



- Be positive, GDL is about keeping your teen safe
 - Make time to practice, practice, practice
 - State law is a minimum standard
 - Partner with your teen and their friends' parents (contracts, file a flight plan)
 - Be a good role model
 - Once licensed, remember your teen is still a driver in training
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DRIVING IS A PRIVILEGE

PRIVILEGES	Checkpoint 1	Checkpoint 2	Checkpoint 3	Checkpoint 4
NIGHTTIME	Sundown or 9 pm	10 pm	11 pm	Midnight
TEEN PASSENGERS	None	Daytime 1, sometimes	1	2, sometimes
		Nighttime none	1, sometimes	1
WEATHER	Dry	Daytime Dry, light rain	Moderate	Most
		Nighttime Dry	Dry, light rain	Moderate
ROAD TYPES	Neighborhood	Daytime Local	All but highways	Most
		Nighttime Neighborhood	Local	All but highways
RECOMMENDED TIME IN EFFECT	FIRST 1-3 MONTHS AFTER LICENSURE	NEXT 1-3 MONTHS	NEXT 3-6 MONTHS	NEXT 3-6 MONTHS
NEXT REVIEW DATE				

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