

# Indiana's Graduated Driver's License This is WHY there is a law...

**Automobile crashes are the number one killer of teenagers.**

**Indiana teen-age drivers make up only 6.1 percent of Indiana's Licensed drivers but account for 14.3 percent of total drivers in crashes.**

**Indiana's percentage of motor vehicle crash fatalities involving teenagers is well above the national average - 18.4% in Indiana 11.80/6 for the U.S. average.**

**188 Indiana teen-age drivers died in automobile crashes in 1996**

**43 percent of teen-age fatal crashes occur between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.**

**About one in four of all licensed Indiana teenagers were involved in a crash in 1996**

**Sources:**

**Indiana State Police, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, National Association of Independent Insurers**

**Common Sense Tips for Teens:**

- **Wear your seat belt - It's the Law!**
- **Stow down!**
- **Never drink and drive!**
- **Don't drive when you're tired!**
- **Don't take a chance - Drive Smart'**

**AAA**

BMV

Governor's Commission for a Drug- Indiana  
Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous  
Driving

Insurance Institute of Indiana

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Indiana State Police

Independent Insurance Agents of Indiana

National Association of Independent Insurers

\*Current law as of 1/1/99 and is subject to change GD648-M

## This is the law ...

Indiana's Graduated Driver's Licensing Law (Senate Enrolled Act 16) is effective January 1, 1999. The law is designed to provide young drivers with a slow, steady introduction to driving and to help develop safe driving habits. The provisions of the Law are as follows:

- Drivers under 18 may not operate a motor vehicle during existing Indiana curfew hours (11 p.m. - 5 a.m. Sunday Thursday nights; 1 a.m. - 5 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights). They may drive during these hours if they are driving to and from a Legal job, school sponsored event, church activity or when driving with a parent or guardian.
- During the first 90 days after getting their license, drivers under 18 can't transport other people in the car unless someone at Least 21 years old who holds a valid driver's license, is riding in the passenger seat. Young drivers May drive unaccompanied as long as they do not carry passenger during the first 90 days.
- All passengers must wear a seat belt if riding with a driver under age 18