



Tips to help keep teen drivers safe during the high-risk warm weather months:

- Buckle up every time and in every seating position.
- Slow down and obey posted speed limits.
- Limit the number of teen passengers in the vehicle and obey Virginia's passenger limitation law for teens. Remember, teens under 18 are only allowed to carry one passenger under age 21 for the first year of licensure unless accompanied by a licensed adult.
- Drive distraction-free. It's illegal in Virginia to use a hand-held device while driving.
- Drive alcohol and drug-free. Virginia's Zero Tolerance law makes consuming alcohol or driving under the influence of any amount of alcohol a serious criminal offense for teens under the age of 21. (Va. Code 18.2-266.1)
- Avoid "cruising" and joy riding with friends. This leads to an increased risk for teen crashes.
- Obey Virginia's midnight curfew which restricts teens under 18 from driving between midnight and 4 a.m.
- Never Drive Drowsy. Never drive if you are sleepy or on medication that causes drowsiness.
- Celebrate responsibly during prom, graduation, and summer celebrations. Make a commitment to being safe and arriving alive.