



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.