

Young Drivers in PA

Making Our Teens Safe Behind The Wheel





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**Our job is to be
tough and smart
enough to make
them safe**



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Enhancing the Tools



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Major changes:

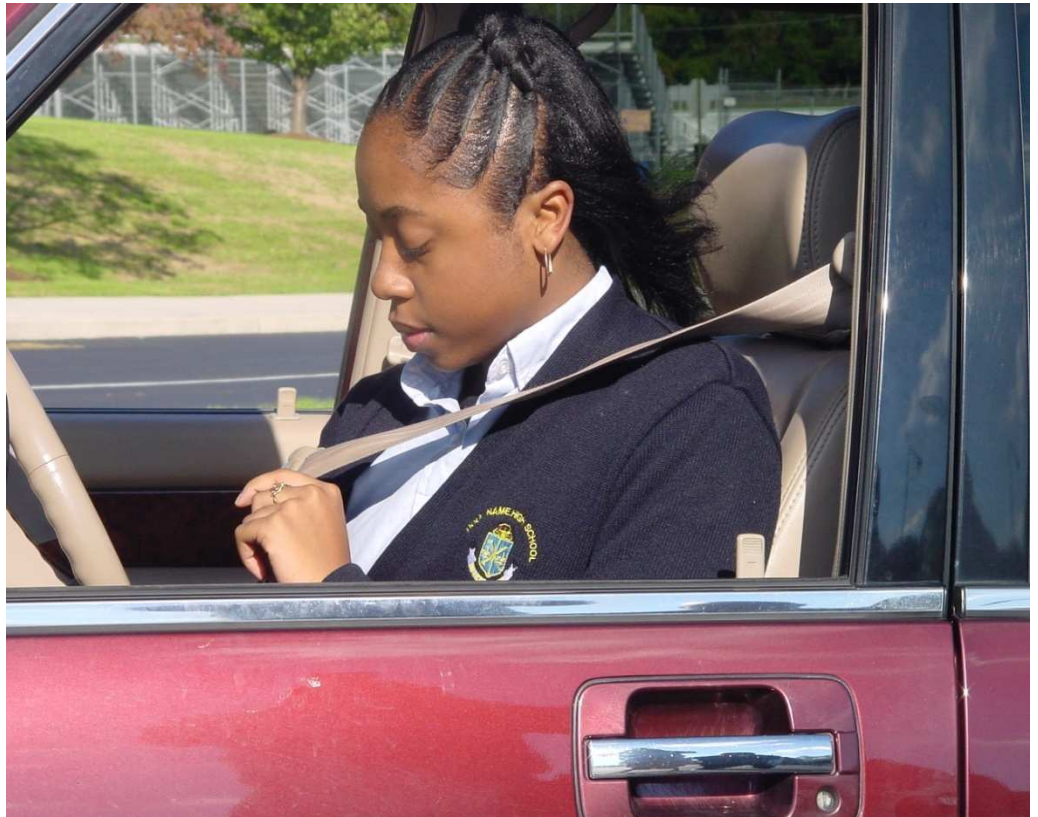
**65 hours of
supervised
behind-the-wheel
training**

(Instead of 50 hours)



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**Unbelted =
primary violation
for under 18-year-
old drivers**



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Limits on friends in vehicle with junior license driver



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Beginning March 8:

**No Texting
for any driver**

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Links to Information:

Fact Sheet:

<http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/teenDriversCenter/newTeenDriversLaw.shtml>

Frequently asked questions:

http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/pdotforms/fact_sheets/faq-teen_drivers.pdf



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**No. 1 Killer
of 15- to 20-year-olds
is
Traffic Crashes**

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Progress In Driving Down Alcohol Crashes and Fatalities

2010 – 12,429 Crashes
459 fatalities

2009 – 12,550 crashes
474 fatalities

2008 - 12,937 crashes
561 fatalities



But the stats
are still
TOO HIGH!



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31 percent of driver deaths
in 16-20 age group were drinking;
up from **27 percent** in **2009**

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**17- and 18-year old drivers have the
highest percentage involvement in
crashes**

4.9 percent

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Fatalities Involving 16-Year Old Drivers

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
# of fatalities	18	25	20	12	19
% change	-33%	39%	-20%	-40%	58%

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Crashes Involving 16-Year Old Drivers

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
# of crashes	3,030	2,804	2,328	2,145	1,860
% change	-7.4%	-7.5%	-17%	-7.9%	-13.3%

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Fatalities Involving 17-Year Old Drivers

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
# of fatalities	50	76	45	30	38
% change	-19%	52%	-42%	-33.3	26.7%

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Crashes Involving 17-Year Old Drivers

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
# of crashes	7,322	7,080	6,440	5,927	5,356
% change	-2.6%	-3.3%	-9%	-8%	-9.6%

Crash Statistics

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Crashes	129,162	131,879	126,065	121,756	121,537
Fatalities	1,525	1,491	1,468	1,256	1,324
Major Injury	4,231	4,140	3,867	3,498	3,556

Most fatality categories rose between 2009 and 2010 except:

Head-On
intersection crashes
65+ Mature drivers
among others

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**Adult supervision is critical
to keeping our teens safe**

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Top Teen Crash Factors

- ☐ Driving Too Fast For Conditions
- ☐ Driver Inexperience
- ☐ Over/under compensation on curves
- ☐ Driver hitting fixed object



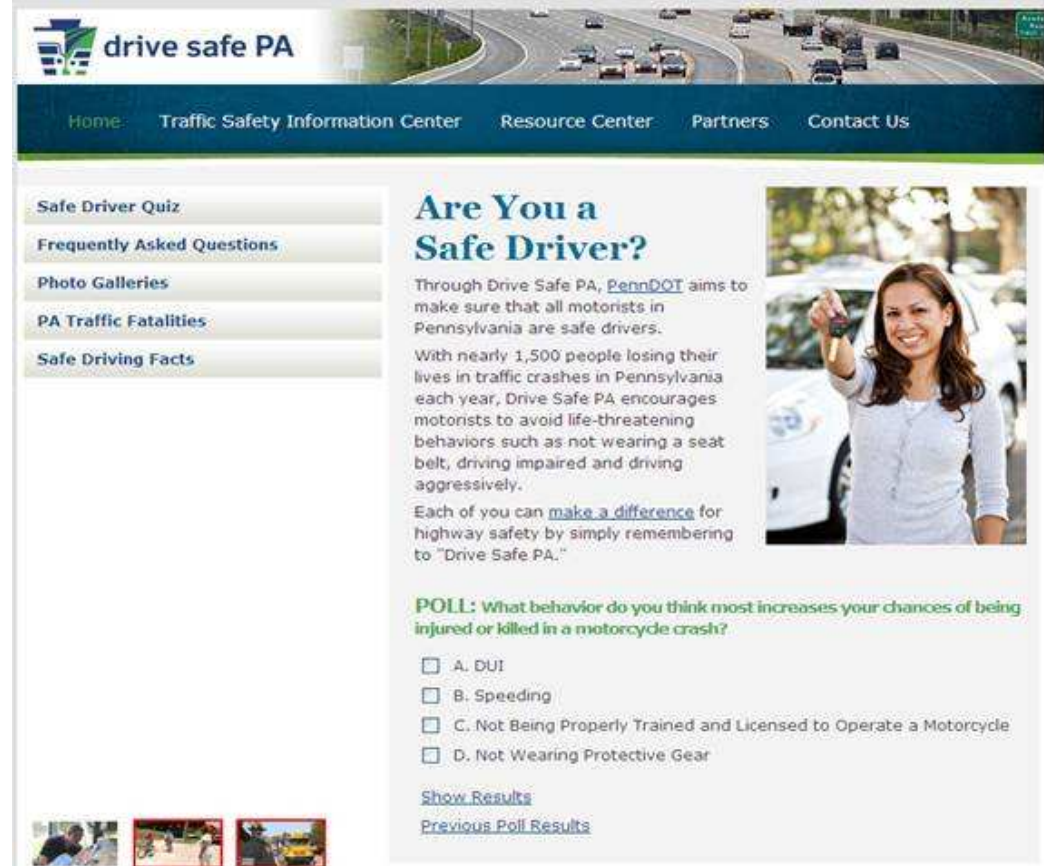
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**Teens and
passengers
less likely
to wear
seat belts**



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A Wealth of
Information
Available At
www.DriveSafePa.org



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