



# PARENTS LEARN ABOUT YOUR TEEN DRIVER & SEAT BELTS

## Facts you should know:

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for teens in the United States.

Teens have the lowest seat belt use rates of any age group, leading to deadly consequences.

Only 65% of teens consistently wear their seat belts as both a driver and a passenger.

Six of ten drivers, ages 16 to 20, killed in crashes, are not belted.

Two of three teens killed, as occupants of motor vehicles, are not belted.

## Do you know that not wearing a seat belt could:

Cost your teen their driver's license?

Increase motor vehicle insurance rates?

Injure or kill a family member, best friend, a stranger, OR themselves?

## Help your teen be a safe driver by:

Reviewing Maine's teen driver laws and enforcing the rules; a parent/teen contract can help.

Practice driving in different situations, such as late night and seasonal driving.

Being a good role model for your teen driver; always wear your seat belt.

Not allowing teen passengers in the vehicle; they can distract a new teen driver.

Requiring seat belts for everyone: **BUCKLE UP. NO EXCUSES!**

## Promote Safe Teen Driving in Maine

Information provided by the Maine Teen Driver Safety Committee

To learn more about teen driver safety go to: [www.themtsc.org](http://www.themtsc.org)

