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LEARN MORE ABOUT DEVELOPING A SAFE TEEN DRIVER

Facts you should know:

Based on miles driven, teens are involved in 3 times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers.
Most teens killed in car crashes are not wearing their seat belts.
Minors (under age 21) may not consume, purchase or transport any alcohol.
Maine has a zero tolerance law; minors may not operate a vehicle after consuming any amount of alcohol.
Drivers under age 18 may not operate a vehicle while using a cell phone or any handheld electronic device.
Maine law prohibits any person from operating a vehicle while engage in text messaging.

Facts about Maine's Graduated Driver's License (GDL):

Drivers under age 18 are subject to Maine's graduated license restrictions. For the first 270 days they are prohibited from:

- Driving between midnight and 5 a.m.
- Driving while using a cell phone or any hand-held electronic device.
- Carrying passengers other than immediate family members or foreign exchange student living with the family unless accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 20 years of age, has held a valid driver's license for two years and is sitting beside the operator.

All new drivers under age 21 are required to abide by Maine's provisional license requirements for two years from the date of issuance. Those issued their first license at age 21 or older are issued a provisional license for one year. If the driver is cited for any moving motor vehicle violation, the license will be suspended:

- 30 days for the 1st offense
- 180 days for the 2nd offense
- 1 year for the 3rd offense and subsequent violations
- Longer suspensions are possible depending upon the violation.

Remember: Driving a Motor Vehicle is a Privilege—Not a Right!!!

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

