

# Indiana's Graduated Driver's License Law



## What Teens Should Know

Effective July 1, 2009

### **Cell Phones & Texting:**

Persons under 18 are prohibited from using any telecommunications device while operating a vehicle—except for making emergency 9-1-1 calls.

### **Nighttime Driving Restrictions:**

Drivers with a probationary license may not drive between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. for the first 180 days they drive. After 180 days, you cannot drive Sun.—Thurs., 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. and Fri.—Sat., 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. until age 18. Exceptions include work, school or church related functions.

## Learner's Permit

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### **Minimum Age Requirements:**

- ▶ 15 years with driver education
- ▶ 16 years without driver education

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- ▶ 15 years 180 days with driver education

## Probationary License

Effective July 1, 2009

### **Minimum Age Requirements:**

- ▶ 16 years 30 days with driver education
- ▶ 16 years 180 days without driver education

### **Mandatory Holding Period of Learner Permit:**

60 days

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### **Minimum Age Requirements:**

- ▶ 16 years 180 days with driver education
- ▶ 16 years 270 days without driver education

### **Mandatory Holding Period of Learner Permit:**

180 days

**Minimum Supervised Driving:** 50 hours of supervised practice (10 hours must be at night) with a certified driving instructor/licensed driver who is at least 25 years old or the individual's spouse who is at least 21 years old.

## Unrestricted License at Age 18

For more information, visit [www.in.gov/cji](http://www.in.gov/cji)

# Safe Driving Tips For Teens

Each year, hundreds of teens are killed in traffic-related collisions. Underage drinking is illegal and getting behind the wheel impaired can lead to deadly consequences. Be a winner. Stay sober!

**Sobriety Wins  
Alcohol Kills**

## Safety Text Dictionary

- BRB – “Be Responsible & Buckle”
- LMAO – “Limit Music & Occupants”
- WTH – “What’s the Hurry?”

- IDTS – “Inattentive Driving= Teen Statistic”
- IDK – “Impaired Driving Kills”
- MYOB – “Make Your Occupants Buckle”

Every Seat.

Every Trip.

Every Time.

**Seat Belts  
Save Lives**

In an effort to encourage young drivers to wear their seat belts, the Governor’s Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving urges teens to think ahead and buckle up. Studies from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration have shown that wearing a seat belt increases your chances of survival by 45 percent. Not to mention, wearing a seat belt is the law in Indiana. Remember to buckle up every seat, every trip, every time.

## Aggressive Driving

**You are driving aggressively if you:**

- Follow too closely
- Unnecessarily use a horn
- Fail to yield
- Fail to obey a traffic signal
- Drive at an unsafe speed
- Intentionally harass or intimidate someone in another vehicle
- Repeatedly flash your headlights
- Change lanes abruptly



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