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## Understanding the Graduated Driver Licensing Law

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# Facts About Teens & Driving

Parents, there is another conversation you need to have with your teen...

## Common questions

*"Why can't I drive or ride with more than one friend to the football game?"*



**The law:** No more than one unrelated minor passenger allowed unless there is an licensed driver 21 years of age or older in the front passenger seat of the car.

**Fact:** A teen driver is easily distracted by passengers.

*"Why can't I use my cell phone when I am driving?"*

**The law:** Drivers under the age of 18 may not use a cell phone or other interactive wireless communication device while driving. Texting and driving is illegal for all drivers.



**Fact:** Use of any electronic device is a dangerous distraction for drivers. The risk of having a crash is four times higher when cell phones are in use.



*"Why can't I drive after 11:00pm?"*

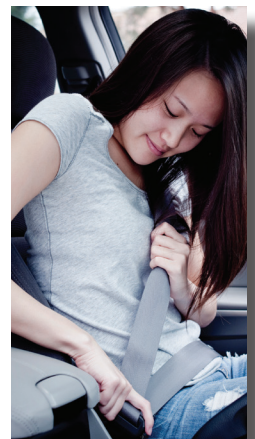
**The law:** No driving between 11:00 pm and 4:00 am unless accompanied by a licensed driver 21 years of age or older, driving to or from a school activity, church-related activity, or a job.

**Fact:** Driving after dark, particularly later at night, increases risks for young drivers. The crash rate for 16 year olds is two times higher at night than during the day.

*"Why do I have to wear my seatbelt if I am just going a short distance?"*

**The law:** Each driver and front passengers in any motor vehicle shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt. All teen drivers and passengers, under the Graduated Driver Licensing Law, must wear a seat belt.

**Fact:** Seatbelts are designed to keep drivers and their passengers from ejection from the vehicle and serious injury in a crash. In 2012, more than half of the teens killed in motor vehicle crashes in the U.S. were not wearing their seat belt.



The Arkansas Primary Seat Belt Law allows law enforcement the right to pull over Arkansas motorists for the purpose of issuing a seat belt citation without any other traffic violation taking place.