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The Whole Truth About Teen Driving

10 THINGS PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT TEEN DRIVING

Everyone knows drinking and driving is a primary cause of teen crashes and teen deaths.* But many people don't know:

- 1. Sixteen-year-olds are three times more likely to die in a car crash than other drivers.
- 2. Simple **driver error** is a factor in two-thirds of fatal teen crashes.
- 3. Two-thirds of teen occupants killed in crashes are not wearing seat belts
- 4. In 2005, 12 percent of high school males reported driving after drinking.
- 5. Two or more teen passengers make fatal teen **crash risk** five times more likely.
- 6. Two-thirds of teens who die in car crashes are passengers of teen drivers.
- 7. **Speeding** is a factor in 40 percent of all teen driver fatalities.
- 8. Being awake for 18 hours equals a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level of 0.08, which is legally drunk.
- 9. Inexperience combined with **distractions** is lethal.
- 10. The distractions proven to kill teens: **teen passengers and cell phones**.

Learn more about teen driver safety at www.chop.edu/youngdrivers.

*Due to enforced laws and effective awareness efforts, the U.S. has had a considerable decline in drunk driving-related crash fatalities.

Continued effort is required to keep these numbers low and to achieve further reductions.

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