

# HANDING YOUR TEEN THE CAR KEYS —

## ARE YOU CONFIDENT *OR* CONCERNED?

Car crashes — the #1 killer of teens — take over 4,000 young lives every year. Parents are the key to keeping kids safe on the road. Talk with your teen about safe driving. Then take these proven steps to reduce serious injury and death:

- Extend your teen's supervised driving period.
- Set the rules of the road:
  - Make sure your teen always wears a seat belt.
  - Limit your teen's nighttime driving.
  - Restrict the number of teen passengers allowed in the car.
- Enforce the rules with a parent-teen contract.

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# GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSING HELPING TEENS STAY SAFE ON THE ROAD

Graduated driver licensing (GDL) systems help new drivers gain skills under low-risk conditions. As drivers move through stages, they are given extra driving privileges. These may include driving at night or with passengers. GDL systems are proven to reduce teen crashes and deaths.

Most states have 3-stage GDL systems, though laws vary. The three stages are: 1) learner's permit; 2) intermediate (sometimes called a *provisional license*); and 3) unrestricted.

## OHIO GDL LAW

### Learner's Permit Stage

- Minimum age: 15 years, 6 months
- Minimum holding period: 6 months
- Minimum number of supervised practice driving hours: 50 hours, 10 of which must be at night

### Intermediate (Provisional) Stage

- Minimum age: 16 years
- Nighttime driving: Teen driving restricted between 12:00 a.m.–6:00 a.m. (16-year-olds); 1:00 a.m.–5:00 a.m. (17-year-olds).
- Passengers: No more than one

### Unrestricted Stage

- Nighttime restrictions lifted at age 18
- Passenger restrictions lifted at age 17

