



Teen driving facts and stats & reminders

- Drivers who use hand-held devices are 4 times more likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves.
- Sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent — at 55 mph— of driving the length of an entire football field, blind.
- Text messaging creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted.
- In 2010, 11 percent of all drivers under the age of 20 who were involved in fatal crashes were reported to be distracted at the time of the crash.
- Teens are more likely to drive distracted than other drivers. Drivers under the age of 25 are two to three times more likely than older drivers to send text messages or emails while driving.
- About 40 percent of American teens say they have been in a car when the driver used a cell phone in a way that put people in danger.
- In 2012, 67.5% of teens (14-19) that were killed in Kansas, were not wearing their seatbelt.
- Between 2009 & 2012 in the state of Kansas, seatbelt use among 15-17 year olds increase by 19%!
- When used correctly, seatbelts reduce the risk of fatal injury to front seat passengers by 45%.
- Teen drivers or passengers face up to a \$60 fine for not buckling up.
- 16 year olds are three times more likely to die in a car crash than other drivers.
- 2/3 of teens who die in car crashes are passengers of teen drivers
- Speeding is a factor in 40% of all teen driver fatalities.
- The greatest lifetime chance of crashing occurs in the first 6 months after licensure.
- The fatality rate for drivers ages 16-19, based on miles driven, is four times higher than for drivers ages 25-60.

Reminders

Seatbelts

- It's simple: seat belts save lives – so buckle up, every trip, every time.
- Law enforcement agencies are buckling down on those who aren't buckled up – remember, in Kansas, it's Click it. Or Ticket.
- On your way home (or to work, to school) today, don't forget to buckle up – it's Kansas law.
- Don't forget; your best protection against serious injury or death in case of a crash is to have your seat belt on. So buckle up, every trip, every time!

Alcohol

- ... If you've been drinking, you need to have a SOBER designated driver – if you're over the limit, you're under arrest!
- Friends don't let friends drive drunk – taking someone's keys might not make them very happy, but it would certainly be better than bailing them out of jail...or identifying them at the county morgue.
- ...You drink. You drive. You lose.
- ...Buzzed driving is drunk driving. If you're drinking, be responsible and have a designated driver before the party begins.

Underage Drinking

- ...It is illegal to purchase or furnish alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. To report underage drinking, call 1-866-MUST-B-21. It's anonymous, but more importantly, it could save someone's life.
- Serve kids, serve time. It's that simple. Don't buy alcohol for minors.
- There's no free ride if you provide. Furnishing alcohol to minors carries a fine of \$200.

- Underage drinking has adult consequences. In Kansas, there is zero tolerance for minors who choose to drink and drive.
- Those who host, lose the most – hosting minors who are consuming alcohol can result in fines up to \$1,000 PLUS a year in jail.

Weather

- ...if you are driving in the rain, not only should your wipers be on, but it is the law for headlights to be on, as well.
- ...to be prepared for adverse driving conditions, you may either phone 511 or go to ksdot.org, and click on 511 to get the latest road conditions.

Drowsy/Distracted Driving

- ...drowsy driving can be just as dangerous as driving under the influence of alcohol. Take breaks frequently and stay alert to stay alive.
- ...driving is a full-time job – don't be distracted by food, phones, or foolin' around with your radio. Just drive!