



Graduated Driver's License Parent Orientation Program

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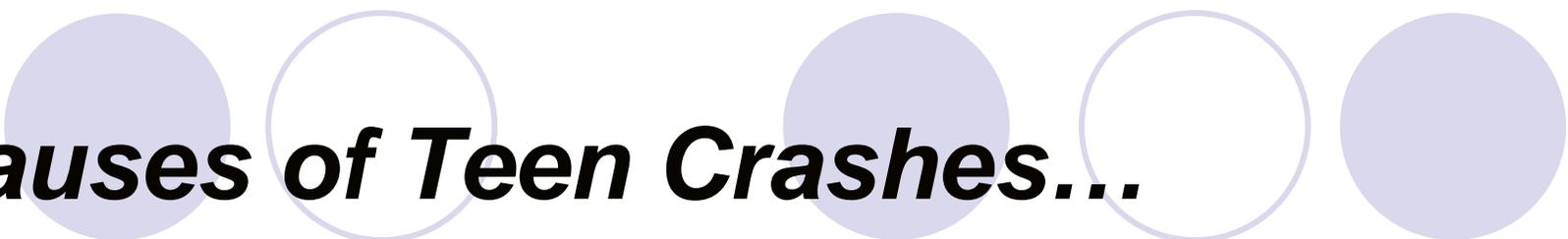


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Purpose of GDL Parent Orientation Program

- Reduce number of crashes, injuries and deaths among 16 & 17 year old drivers.
- Encourage active participation by parent or sponsor.
- Inform teens & parents of possible consequences of poor driving decisions.

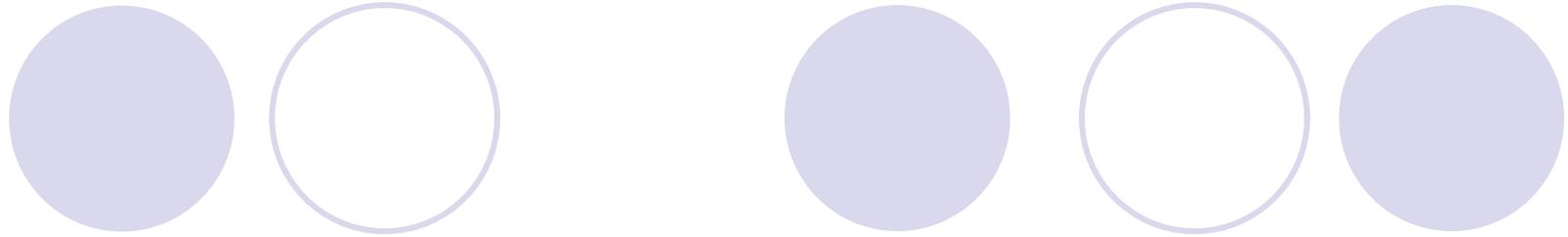


Causes of Teen Crashes...

- **Speed/Aggressive Driving**
- **DUI**
- **Inexperience**

Distracted/Inattentive Driving:

- Cell phones
- CD/Tape/Radios/Pagers
- Eating/Drinking
- Other Passengers
- Putting on make-up



GDL - Rules, Regulations and Your Responsibility

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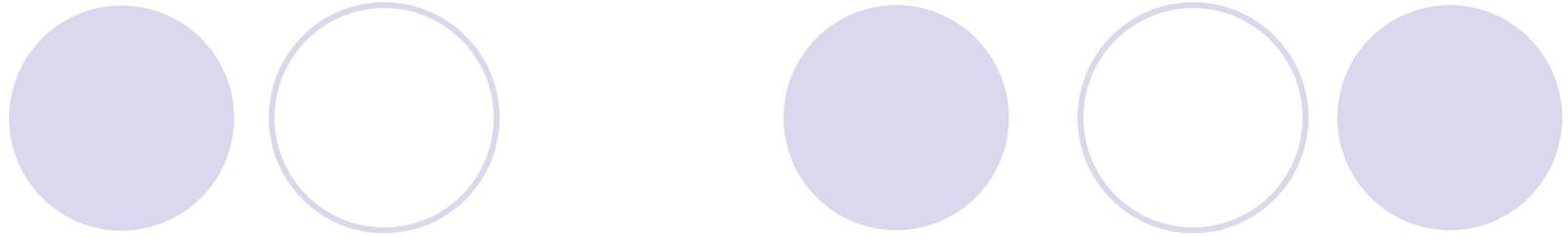


What Do I Need to Get My GDL Permit ?

- Must be at least 16 years old
- Must present a DE Driver Education Certificate (Blue Certificate)
- Must pay \$25.00 license fee
- Must pass an eye screening

What Do I Need cont'd....

- **Must provide documents proving:**
 - **name and date of birth (1)**
 - {birth certificate, passport, immigration card}
 - **social security number (1)**
 - {Social Security card, W-2 form, paycheck stub}
 - **proof of DE residency (2)**
 - {credit card bill, bank statement, car insurance policy}
 - **EXCEPTION:** If sponsor is a licensed DE driver and lives with teen, the sponsor's DL, matched with the address on the blue certificate, will satisfy residency requirement



**All Driver License
Applications Must be Signed
by an approved Sponsor!**

Who is Eligible to Sign as a Sponsor?

(in order of preference)

- Either mom or dad if both live with teen
- The parent who lives with teen (as a rule, step-parents are not permitted to sign for teen unless they have adopted teen)
- Legal Guardian
- Family Services Caseworker
- Court Ordered Custodian

First Six Months...

- Permit in driver's possession
- Supervised at all times
 - Supervisor must be a parent, guardian or licensed driver, approved by the sponsor, who is at least 25 yrs old, and has had a Class D license for five years or more
- Supervisor only person in front seat
- One (1) additional passenger
 - EXCEPTION: immediate family members
- Supervisor is required to certify on a driving log that permit holder has completed 50 hours of driving time (including 10 hours at night)

First Six Months - continued

- Seat belt use is mandatory
- Failure of teens to buckle up will result in a ticket and a two month license suspension
- Failure of adults to buckle up will result in a ticket to the teen driver
- Cell phone use is prohibited (no talking or texting allowed)

Second Six Months...

- Teen must have permit in possession at all times
- No cell phone use permitted and seat belts are mandatory
- Unsupervised driving permitted from 6am-10pm
- 1 passenger allowed
 - Exception: immediate family members w/Supervisor present
- Supervised driving 10pm-6am
 - Exception: school activities on school grounds, work, church

What happens if your teen doesn't follow the GDL rules?

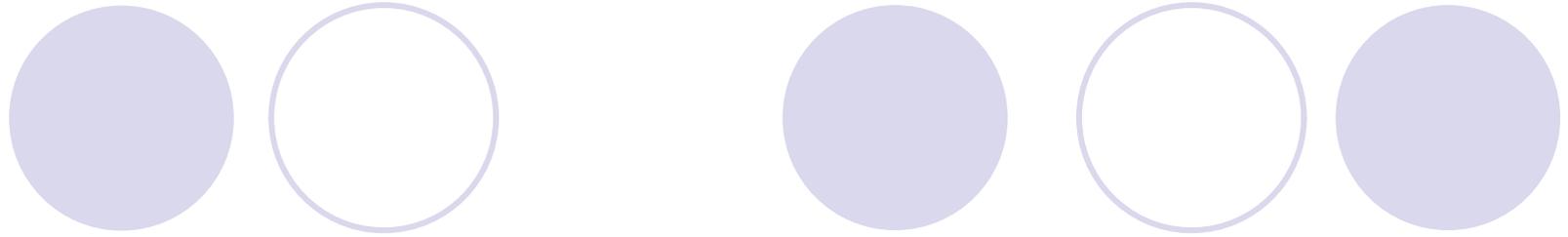
- Permit will be **SUSPENDED!!!**
- Two months for first offense
- Four months for each subsequent offense
- Any period of time lost when the permit is not valid must be made up
- A \$25.00 fee is required for license reinstatement

What happens if YOU don't Follow the Rules?

- Parent/Sponsor who knowingly allows the permit holder to drive unsupervised faces:
 - Fine of up to \$575
 - Possibility of 30 days in jail

When does the permit holder get a Class D License?

- Must be at least 17 years old
- Held valid GDL for 12 months
 - Sponsor has not withdrawn endorsement
 - Permit holder is not suspended, revoked, or canceled



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Graduated Driver Licensing Statistics

Delaware Licensed Drivers Involved in Crashes
(does not mean driver was killed, injured, or caused crash)

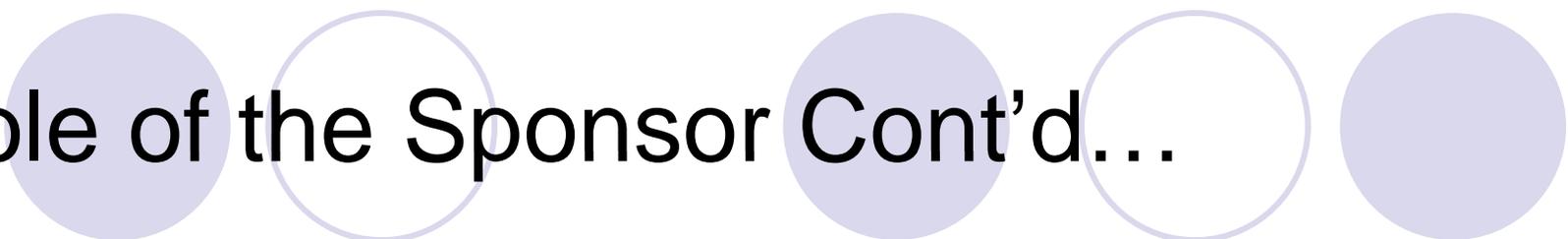
	1998	1999	2000	2004	2006	2007	2008
All Crashes							
16-year old drivers	1,001	955	590	536	502	465	415
17-year old drivers	1,236	1,030	983	945	1074	1,123	1,032
Fatal Crashes							
16-year old drivers	7	4	4	6	3	1	1
17-year old drivers	7	2	2	9	3	5	1
Injury Crashes							
16-year old drivers	372	350	222	157	144	137	95
17-year old drivers	462	393	388	264	288	311	265



Role of the Sponsor

YOU:

- supervise your teenager's driving – driver education is driving 101
- What to coach your teens on:
 - Speeding
 - Following distance
 - Complete stops
 - Turn signals/checking blind spots



Role of the Sponsor Cont'd...

- You determine if the teen driver is capable of handling the vehicle responsibly
- You have the authority to designate who may not supervise your child's driving
- You may withdraw your sponsorship at any time - and cancel their driving privileges

You Should Know

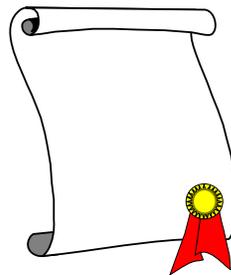
YOU:

- should set stricter rules than the law does
 - penalties and consequences are critically important
- should provide a vehicle with safety in mind
 - Low horsepower
 - SUV not always best choice



Parent/Teen Contract

- Driving is a privilege...not a right!
- Parents need to deliver a concrete message about their expectations
- Parents need to be good role models



Teen Driving *- An Insurance Perspective*

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEEN DRIVERS

- § 6105 (a) and (b). Liability of parent, or guardian for negligence of minor (employer no longer eligible to sponsor as of 6/26/08).
 - § 6106. Liability of owner for negligence of minor.
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Liability...

When you sign as the sponsor for your teenager's GDL permit and they are involved in a crash

...you are jointly responsible for all damages they cause.

Liability....

If you signed as the teenager's sponsor, even if they have had their license renewed for some reason and you did not have to sign for that license renewal
...you are still liable for damages they cause in a crash.

Liability

Even if you are not the sponsor and you loan a minor your car

... you are responsible for any damages they may cause.

PARENTAL EXPOSURE

- You are liable if:
 - you sign license or provide the car – even if your teen doesn't live with you full time
 - your teen is driving another person's vehicle (girlfriend/boyfriend/friend)
 - You allow your teen to drive unsupervised when they should be (\$575 fine, 30 days jail time or both + restitution)
 - Additionally, you may be liable if your teen allows others to drive the vehicle without your consent
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**Teen Allows Boyfriend to Drive
Her Parent's Car
They're insured
Limits: \$50K per crash**

**BOYFRIEND'S
Dad & Stepmom may owe too...
Limits \$100K per crash**

**So could BOYFRIEND'S
Mom & Stepdad (Mom signed permit)
Limits: \$100K per crash**

3 separate households may owe for one CRASH:

- 1) Teen driver allowed someone else to drive the car**
- 2) Delaware statute imposes liability on parent or parent(s) who signed the license AND the owner of the vehicle**

**TOTAL AVAILABLE INSURANCE: \$50K + \$100K + \$100K =
\$250,000**

\$250,000 Available

Cost of Injuries to Victims:

Passenger	Estimated Injury Value
#1.....	\$60-75K
#2.....	\$200-300K
#3.....	\$65-85K
#4.....	\$50-65K
Driver of Other Vehicle.....	\$45-65K

Estimated Total for Injuries	Up to \$590K
-Insurance Available to Driver	-\$250K
= Amount not covered by Insurance	=\$340K

Which leads us to ask.....

**Who pays the
remaining \$340,000?**

HOMework FOR PARENTS

- Take the time to research insurance
 - Consider limits-not just cost – 100K/300K preferably higher

 - Consider a Personal Liability Umbrella Policy (PLUP)
 - These policies can add \$1 Million or more in additional liability insurance coverage on top of your policy limits
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TEENS - MAKE A QUALITY DECISION:

- BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO DRIVE YOUR FRIEND'S CAR REMEMBER:
 - Your sponsor is liable if you're responsible for a crash
 - Your parent/guardian's insurance may not provide coverage
 - Make sure you know who owns the car so you can obtain appropriate permission, otherwise owner's insurance may not provide coverage
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A Parent's Guide to Their Teen's Safety

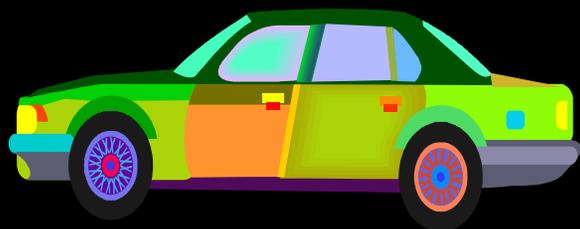
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Benefits of Teen Driving

Parents/Guardians

1. Mom's taxi service retires
2. Help with errands
3. More "me" time



Driver

1. Mobile
2. Personally portable
3. Conveniently movable
4. You can set your own schedule
5. You can drive to work or school

The Crash...



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Patient arrives



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Definitive Care



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Family Arrives



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"Here's the truth: For most parents, nothing you will deal with as a parent will be more important, more life and death, than how your teenager uses -- and misuses -- a motor vehicle"

Dr. Dale Wisely, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist

CRASHES

Aren't

~~ACCIDENTS~~

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Impact of Injuries



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Potential Consequences

Caring for a traumatically brain or spinal cord injured teen

- Bathing, dressing, feeding
- Driving to doctor & rehab appointments
- Modifying your home to make it accessible
- Dealing with grief and changes in your child



Driver's Consequences

- Drive to your job?
 - No car = no work
 - No work = no \$
 - Potential career limitations
- Social life?
 - No car = not many choices
 - May not be able to go out for awhile
- Home life?
 - dependant on parents
 - Some injuries may take many months to heal
 - Some injuries may never heal



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Despite the fact that seat
belts are the

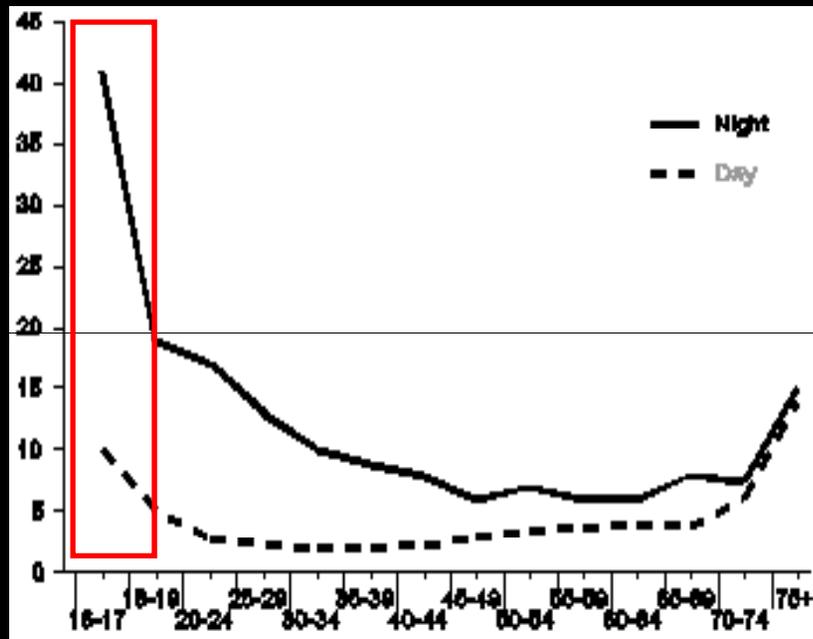
most effective

means of preventing serious injury and death

teens wear them

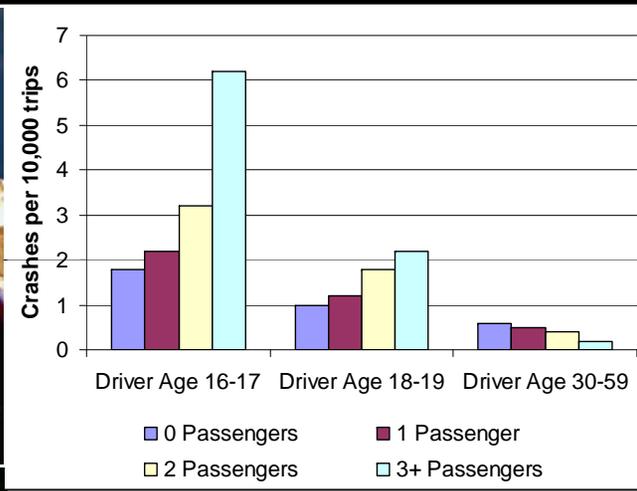
less frequently
than any other age group

More fatal crashes occur at night and at higher rates for younger drivers.



After GDL permit time is completed, consider imposing a driving curfew of no later than midnight.

A new driver's risk of crashing increases exponentially (from .5x to 4x), as teen passengers are added.



Continue to impose passenger restrictions even after the GDL restrictions have been lifted.

**Safety seeking behaviors
decrease as sensation
seeking behaviors increase.**



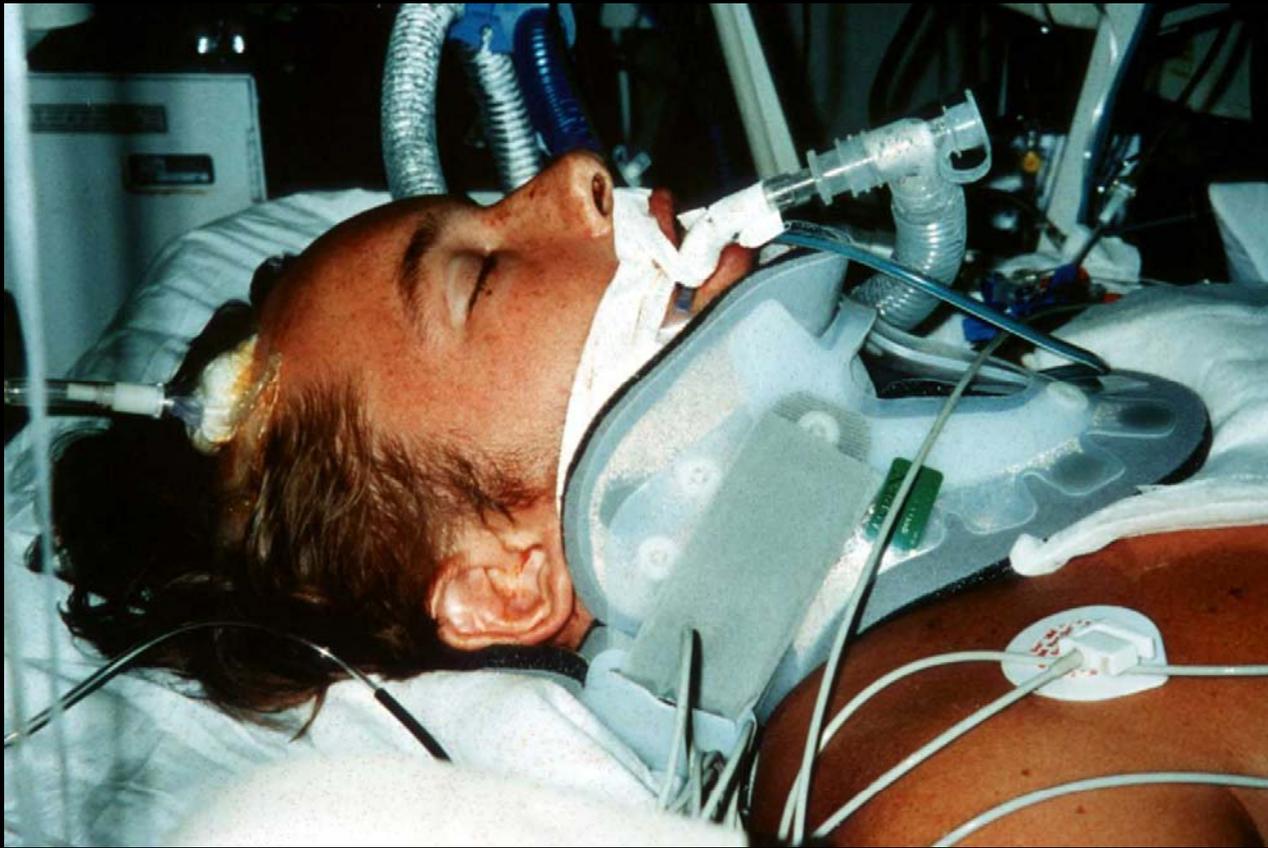
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There is an inverse relationship between a teen's risk perception and actual behavior.



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Increased levels of testosterone and MAO inhibitors lead to an increase in sensation-seeking behaviors.



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Why?



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The Adolescent Brain

Prefrontal Cortex

Hormonal bath

Ocular Rotaris
Muscle

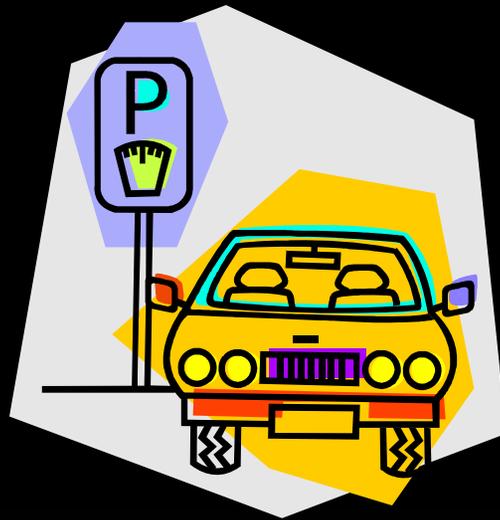
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Vocal Center



Center for Selective Receptive Dysphasia

To move toward adulthood teens must:

- Achieve independence from parents
- Expand relationships outside the family
- Increase decision-making skills



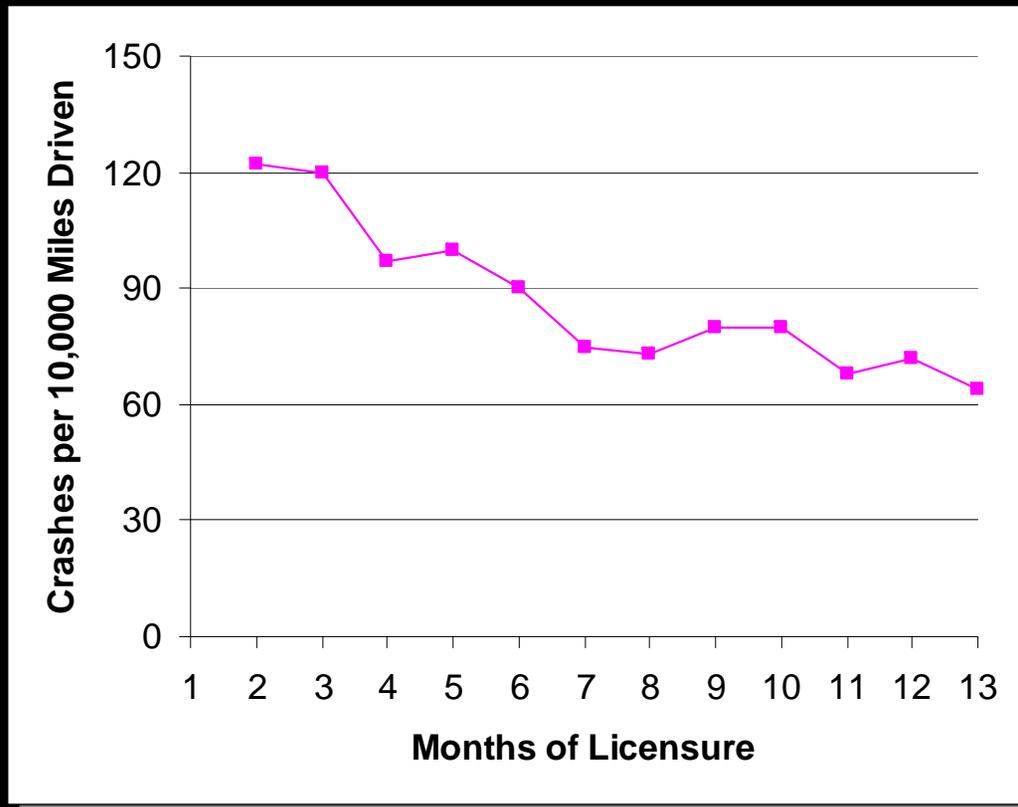
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Teach Your Teen to Drive Safely

- Before your teen gets their permit – teach them to scan their environment.
- Work from basic to more complex skills.
- After they get their permit
 - Start practicing with only you and your teen in the car.
 - Keep early lessons short, about 10-20 minutes.



There is a steep drop in crash risk as new drivers gain experience during the first 12 months of driving.

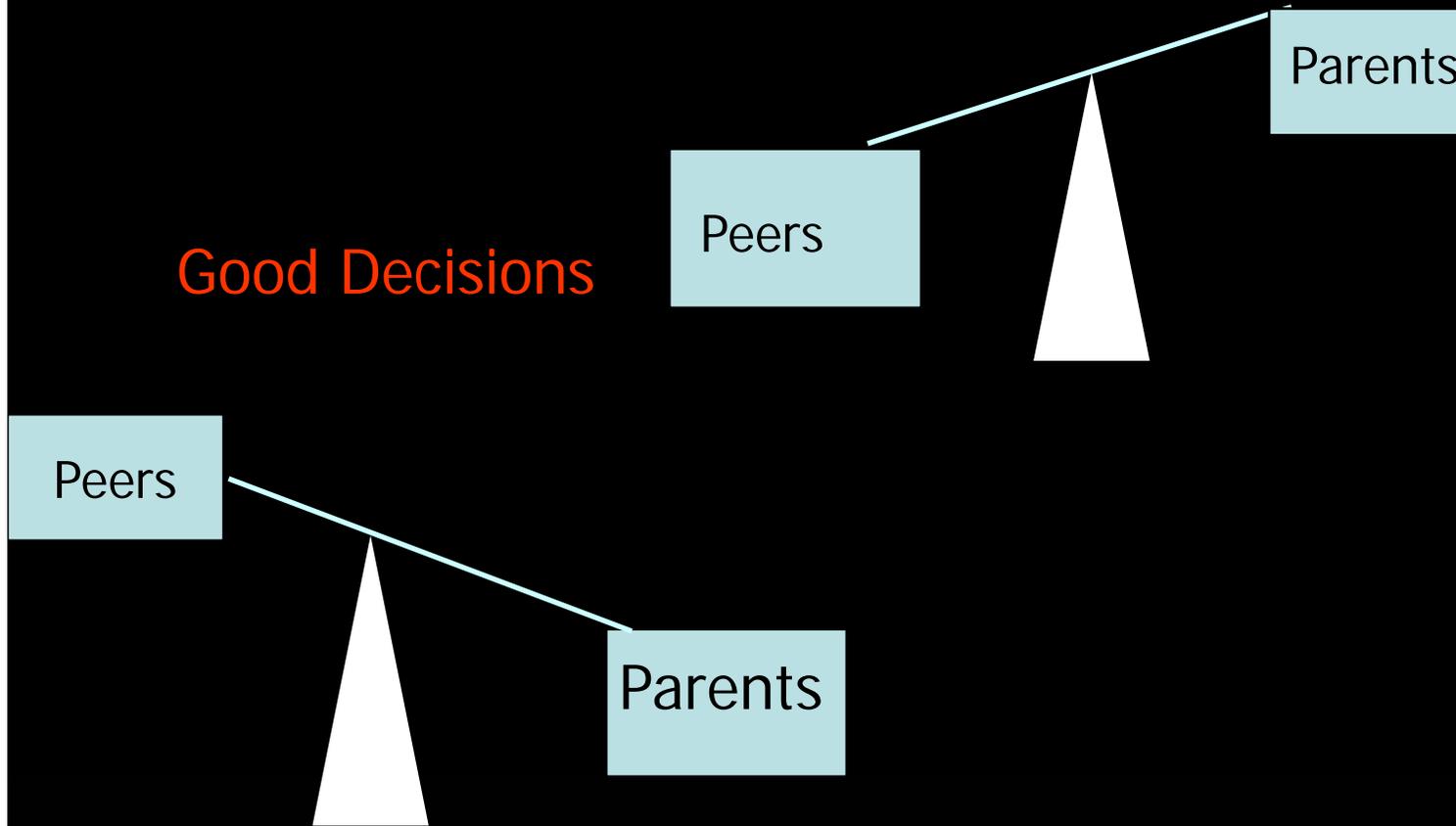


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Teen Decision-Making

Destructive Decisions

Good Decisions



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Good decision-making
is the last, best line of
defense between
teens and trauma.



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Life all about
choices

Teach your teen to ...

Think First!

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Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit



Warning!!

The following slides contain real pictures of local fatal crashes.
There are no bodies but the crash scenes may be considered graphic.

We want to thank the parents of these victims who have graciously given their permission for us to share their stories with you.

Case # 1

December 18, 2004

Occurred on State Route 8 west of Dover

- Speed – 121 MPH!!!!
- DUI
- Reckless Driving
- 2 Dead – both passengers ejected (no seatbelts)
- Operator survives and is charged with 2 counts of Vehicular Manslaughter

121 MPH? You CANNOT control
a vehicle at that speed!!!!



Speed obtained
through
Reconstruction
and verified by the
EDR (AKA Black
Box), two months
after collision

NO SEATBELT = 2 passengers
ejected and KILLED



Driver receives 2 counts of VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER



Case # 2

December 14, 2004

Occurred on State Route 300 west of Clayton

- SPEED – 109 MPH!!!!
- DUI
- 2 Dead - driver partially ejected (no seatbelt) and passenger killed

Car vs. tree at 109 MPH splits the vehicle in half!!!! Speed verified through reconstruction.



Speed Kills



No Survivors



**Two Killed –
alcohol,
speed, and
no seat belts
= deadly
combination**

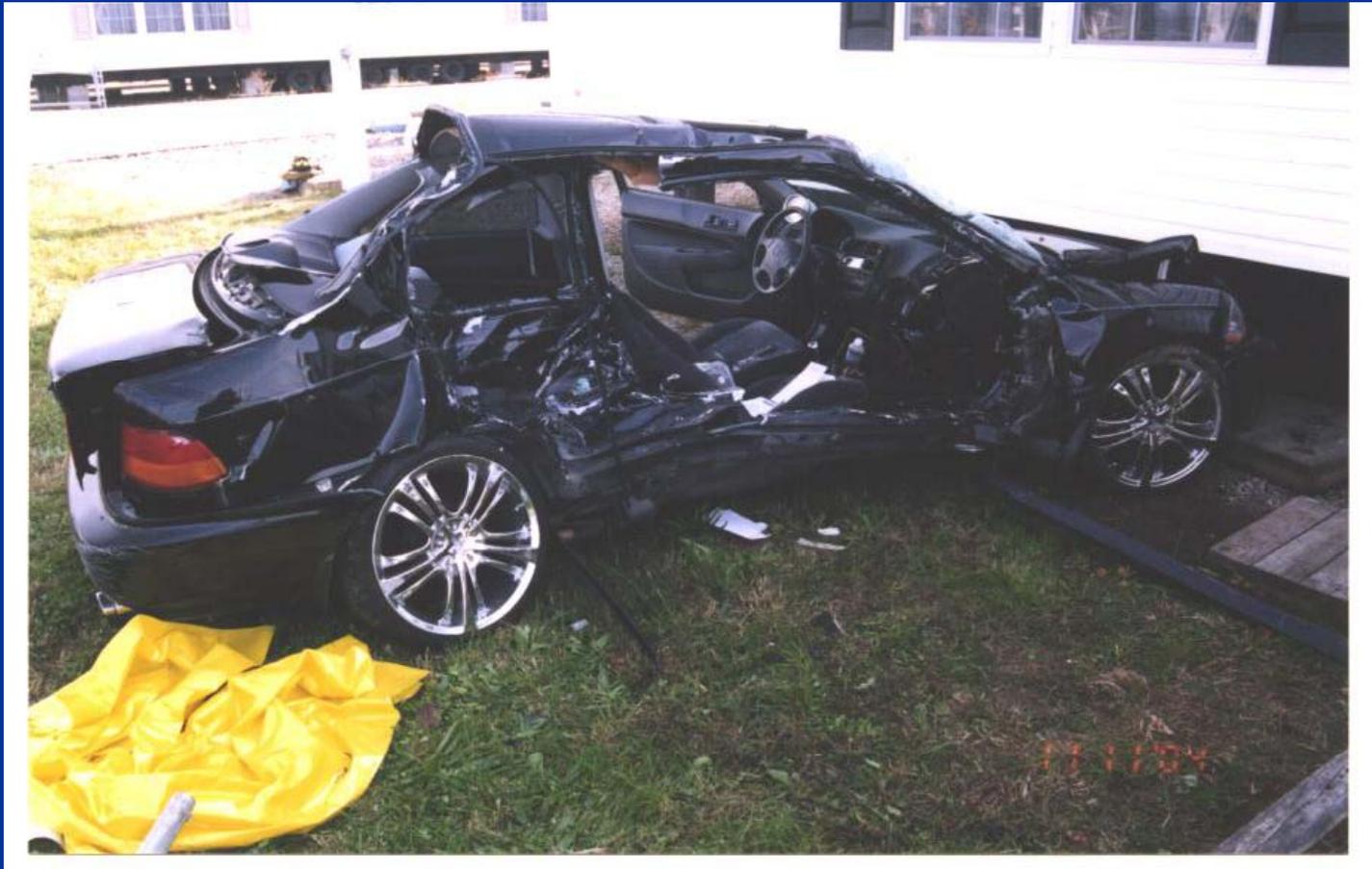
Case # 3

November 11, 2004

Occurred on US 13 north of Dover

- Fail to stop at Stop Sign
- Failure to Yield
- 1 Dead – driver survives and passenger killed
- Driver charged with Death by Motor Vehicle

Disregarding a stop sign – considered
Aggressive Driving and results in a
Death



Driver survives ...friend does not.

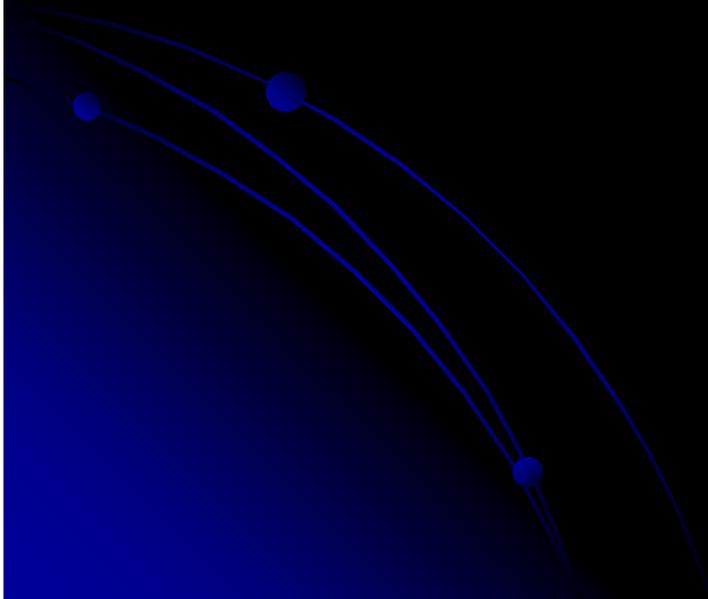


Mistakes behind wheel can come
with life long consequences

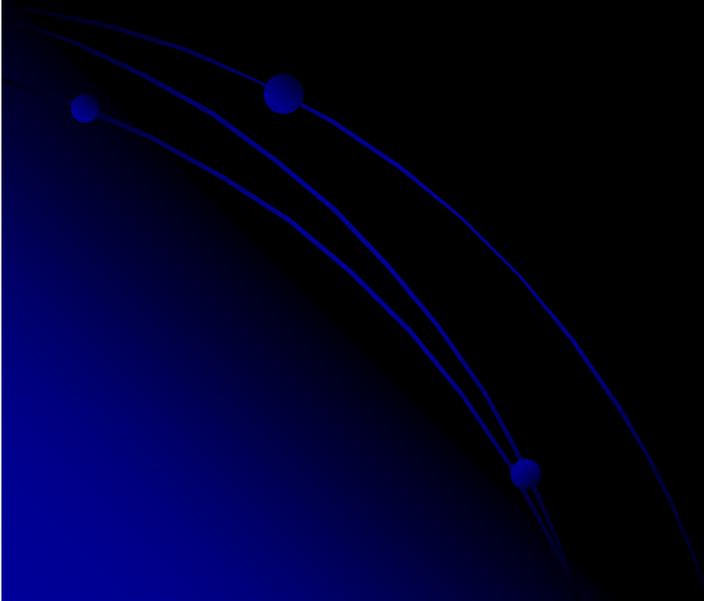


Driver charged with Death by Motor
Vehicle!!!!

Memorial Tribute

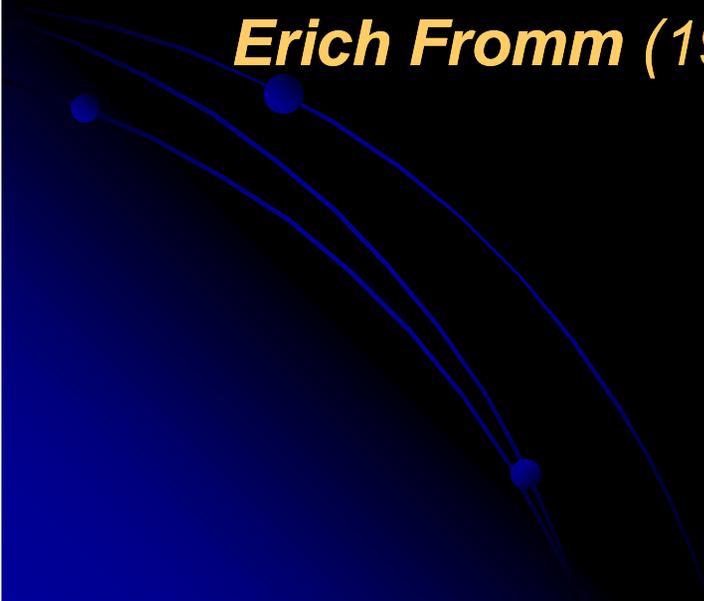


In Memory of Those Who
Tragically Died Before Their
Time.



“To die is poignantly bitter, but the idea of having to die without having lived is unbearable.”

Erich Fromm (1900–1980), U.S. psychologist. Man for Himself, ch. 4 (1947).

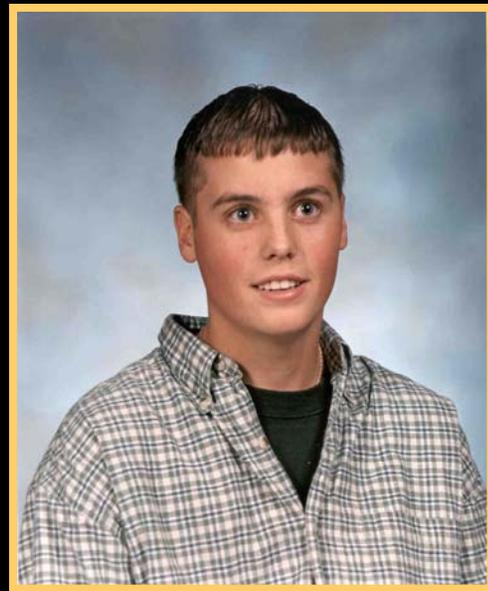


Samuel W. Tatman III

Lake Forest High School

- Born: August, 21st
1983

- Died: April, 6th 2000



16 years of age

Melissa Archer

Milford Middle School

- Born: September 2nd, 1988
- Died: September 13th, 2001



13 years of age

Andrea Smith

Polytech High School

- Born: June 15th, 1984

- Died: January 11th, 2002

KBG Remembers Andrea Smith

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end...."

Around this time last year one of the most talented people the KBG has ever come across joined our organization. She had wild, multi-colored hair, clothes that didn't match, boots like the cartoon character Daria and the best artistic ability I have ever seen.

Andrea Smith was a senior at Polytech High School, though she was much more than that. I met her my freshmen year in biology. She sat in front of me — immediately I knew we wouldn't be best friends because we had so little in common. The more I talked to her, though, the more I realized that if she could make someone as stuck up as me her friend than she could do anything.

We didn't have any classes together over the

designed this car, she painted this project that she was very proud of to the car; she stayed after school car was perfect

The day we he show the world outside, freezing to get there. Ar car was going t how glad she w way it did.

One day, on tl was in a car acc parents and fan Polytech, and ex



17 years of age

Jonathon Witcoski

Smyrna High School

- Born: Jan 16, 1984
- Died: Dec 14, 2004



20 years of age

M. Todd Sammons

Dover High School

- Born: May 21, 1987

- Died: Nov 11, 2004



17 years of age

Matthew Prettyman

Smyrna High School

- Born: April 26, 1986
- Died: Dec 14, 2004



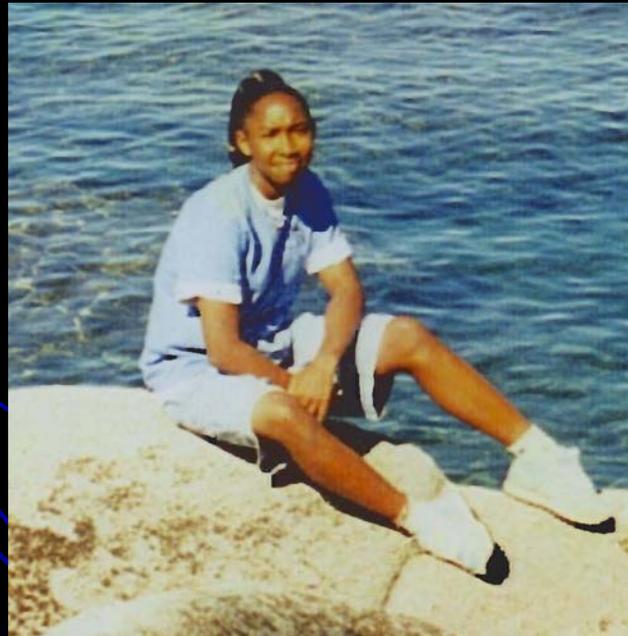
18 years of age

Natassia Harris

Dover High School

- Born: November 1st, 1984

- Died: November 7th, 2001



● **17 years of age**

Andrea Nagyiski

Dover High School

- Born: Feb 12, 1983
- Died: Dec 18, 2004



21 years of age

Timothy Knox

Dover High School

- Born: July 14, 1989
- Died: Feb 15, 2005



16 years of age

Amanda Golt

Polytech High School

- Born: December 17th, 1982
- Died: February 11th, 2000



17 years of age

Brad Wright

Milford High School

- Born: April 19th, 1988
- Died: November 12, 2004



17 years of age

Abbott Family

Baltimore, Maryland

- Died: Feb 4, 2002

- 4 Dead
- Lone Survivor
- Meg 6 Y.O.



Margaret Abbott

Baltimore, Maryland

- Lone Survivor

- 6 years old and lost her mom, dad, brother and sister



William Abbott

Lake Forest High School

- Born: August 25th, 1982
- Died: June 19th, 1999



16 years of age

William Tucker

Lake Forest High School

- Born: October 9th, 1981
- Died: January 10th, 2000



18 years of age

Rachel Julian

Lake Forest High School

- Born: January 1, 1989 Died: February 19, 2005



16 years of age

Satara "Suki" Houston

Sussex Tech High School

- Born: October 27, 1987
- Died: August 4, 2004



16 years of age

Grant E. Crouse

Seaford High School

- Born: June 8, 1986
- Died: December 25, 2002



16 years of age

Adam B. Brittingham

Smryna High School

- Born: January 15, 1985

Died: February 10, 2002



● 17 years of age

Don't let your child become a slide
on this presentation...these are the
times of their lives...GDL drive for
Life!

