

Teen Driving Fact Sheet

- 🚗 In 2008 there were 7 teenage drivers and passengers (ages 15 – 19) killed in car crashes.
- 🚗 In 1998 there were 14 teenage drivers and passengers (ages 15 – 19) killed in car crashes.
- 🚗 In 2008 teens 16 – 19 made up 5% of licensed Delaware drivers but were involved in 10% all of motor vehicle crashes (* does not mean were at fault, only involved)
- 🚗 In 1998 teens 16 – 19 made up 5% of licensed Delaware drivers but were involved in 13% of all motor vehicle crashes
- 🚗 From CODES:
 - The top factors in DE teen fatal crashes from 1998 – 2003 were speed (43%), Inattentive driving (17%), and improper passing (10%).
 - Speeding was a factor nearly 3 times more often when the teen driver had passengers versus when they drove alone.
 - 16 & 17 year old drivers were 1.3 times more likely to be killed or injured when passengers were present then when they were not.
 - When passengers were present, unrestrained drivers and impaired drivers were more likely to be injured in crashes, then when passengers were not present.
- 🚗 The number of crashes involving 16-year old drivers specifically has decreased by more than half since Delaware implemented its Graduated Driver Licensing Law in 1999, from 1,001 (1998) to 415.
- 🚗 In 2008 16 & 17 year old drivers made up 2.2% of licensed DE drivers, and were involved in 3.9% of all crashes
- 🚗 In 1998 16 & 17 year old drivers made up 2.6% of licensed DE drivers and were involved in 6.6% of all crashes