

The Facts

Please Join Us in Saving Lives, ONE TEEN AT A TIME.

FACT: Driving while talking on a cell phone is equivalent to consuming two shots of alcohol for the average driver. With teen drivers the effect can be as much as double.

Would you allow your teen to drink and drive???

FACT: A teenager is killed in a car crash every 64.5 minutes. (NHTSA)

FACT: A teenager is injured in a car crash every 55 seconds. (NHTSA)

FACT: Teenagers make up 7% of licensed drivers, but suffer 14% of fatalities and 20% of all reported accidents.

FACT: The driver fatality rate for 16-year-olds is 9 times the rate for drivers 30 to 60 years old.

FACT: 85% of crashes by 16-year-old drivers are attributed to "driver error," not speed, not drugs, not alcohol.

FACT: There are approximately 13 million drivers between 16 and 20 years old today. That number is expected to grow to over 16 million in just 10 years. (*US Census Bureau*)

FACT: The cost of police-reported crashes involving teen drivers in 2002 was \$40.8 billion. (*National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*)

FACT: There is no in-car driver training in the high school systems in 25 states, **including Arizona**. There is no driver education at all in another 7 states.

FACT: In the overwhelming majority of states, a driver's license is issued to a 16-year-old with no official ever having seen the teenager drive a car on the road. **Arizona** has no driving requirements after the teenager has held a learners permit for five (5) months.

FACT: The average 16-year-old golfer has had 1,500 hours of practice, but only 25 hours of driving experience is required in Arizona for a driver's license.

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