

TEEN DRIVER LAW



Previous Law

Learner's Permit

- Issued at 16 years of age
- Must be accompanied by a licensed driver 21 years of age or older
- At least 50 hours of training

Junior Driver's License

- No driving between 11 p.m. - 5 a.m.
- No more passengers than seat belts
- May receive a Regular Driver's License at 18 years of age or if you have:
 - Passed a driver training course approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education
 - Had 12 months without a crash or driving violation conviction
 - Consent of your parent, guardian, person in loco parentis or spouse, who is at least 18 years of age



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Current Law

(As of December 27, 2011)

Learner's Permit

- Issued at 16 years of age
- Must be accompanied by a licensed driver 21 years of age or older
- At least 65 hours of training, 10 must be at night, five (5) must be in bad weather

Junior Driver's License

- No driving between 11 p.m. - 5 a.m.
- For the first six (6) months, no more than one (1) passenger under the age of 18 unless:
 - They are in your immediate family and live with you or
 - Your parent or guardian is in the vehicle
- After six (6) months, you may have up to three (3) passengers who are under the age of 18; however, if you are involved in a crash or convicted of a driving violation, the passenger restriction of only one (1) passenger will be reinstated until you have a Regular Driver's License
- May receive a Regular Driver's License at 18 years of age or if you have:
 - Passed a driver training course approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education
 - Had 12 months without a crash or driving violation conviction
 - Consent of your parent, guardian, person in loco parentis or spouse, who is at least 18 years of age

Seat Belt Requirements

Drivers and occupants in a vehicle who are under the age of 18 must wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt, and children under the age of eight must be securely fastened in a child restraint system. Failure to comply with the new law's seat belt provisions is a primary offense, meaning that a driver can be pulled over and cited solely for that violation.