

10 THINGS PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT TEEN DRIVING

Everyone knows drinking and driving is a primary cause of teen crashes and teen deaths.

But many people don't know:

1. 16-year-old drivers are three times more likely to die in a car crash than other drivers.
2. Simple driver error is a factor in two-thirds of fatal teen crashes.
3. Two-thirds of teen occupants killed in crashes are not wearing seat belts.
4. In 2005, 12 percent of high school males reported driving after drinking.
5. Two or more peer passengers more than triples the risk of a fatal crash with a teen at the wheel.
6. Two-thirds of teens who die in car crashes are passengers of teen drivers.
7. Speeding is a factor in 40 percent of all teen driver fatalities.
8. Being awake for 18 hours is similar to having a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level of 0.08, which is legally drunk.
9. Inexperience combined with distractions is lethal.
10. The distractions proven to kill teens: teen passengers and cell phones.