

Teen Driver Safety Weeks
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It can be exciting and terrifying all at the same time when your teen is ready to learn to drive, but it can also be rewarding when they learn to be a safe driver.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the leading cause of death in teens ages 16-24 in the United States is car crashes. The main factors are driver inexperience, speeding, distracted driving, and improper or careless turning. The highest risk for teens to be involved in a crash is in the first 6-months and 1,000 miles.

Last year in Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Crash Information Tool (PCIT) reports that 16- and 17-year-old drivers were involved in 4,952 crashes and 26 fatal crashes.

Parents when teaching your teen to drive be sure to set a good example by obeying all the traffic laws. When your teen is driving, they should be wearing their seat belt, have 100% of their focus on their driving with no distractions, be courteous to other drivers, and never drive impaired.

If you are interested in a free Teen Driving program or for questions or comments, please email Bob Schaeffer at bschaeffer@hsnetwork.org. You can also follow on Facebook @safetyfox or on Instagram at: highwaysafetynetworkd5. This is a PennDOT funded project.