

INDIANA'S TEEN GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSING LAW (GDL)

LEARNER PERMIT – Supervised Driving Only

15 year olds – May start supervised practice driving only after beginning an approved driver education program. **16 year olds** – May begin supervised practice driving without Driver Ed.

PROBATIONARY LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Unsupervised Driving with Restrictions

Minimum Age – 16 years and 90 days with Driver Ed. 16 years and 270 days without.

Mandatory Holding Period – Must have held Learner's Permit for 180 days.

Minimum Supervised Driving (Applies to ALL new drivers)

– Must have logged at least 50 hours of supervised practice driving (10 hours must be nighttime driving).

Under 18 – Supervisor may be: (1) a licensed instructor working through a driving school; (2) a licensed driver at least 25 years old and related by blood, marriage or legal status; (3) a spouse over age 21 with valid driving privileges.

Over 18 – Supervisor may be any licensed driver over age 25 or a spouse over age 21.

A copy of the BMV driving log must be submitted when applying for a new license.

PROBATIONARY LICENSE RESTRICTIONS:

Cell Phones/Texting – Prohibits individuals under age 21 from using **any** type of telecommunication device for **any** purpose while operating a vehicle except for making emergency 911 calls.

Driving Hours –

First 180 Days, up to age 21 – No Driving 10pm to 5am. After 180 Days, up to age 18 – No Driving Sunday to Thursday 11pm to 5am, Saturday-Sunday (early morning) 1am to 5am.

Exemptions: *Lawful employment, school-sanctioned activity, religious event or if accompanied by a licensed driver 25 years or older or your spouse with valid driving privileges who is at least 21 years of age.*

Restrictions on Passengers – Up to age 21, no passengers for the first 180 days unless accompanied by a licensed instructor, a licensed driver 25 years or older, or your spouse with valid driving privileges who is at least 21 years of age.

Exemptions: *sibling, step-sibling, child, step-child or spouse of the driver.*

VIOLATIONS – Violation of any part of this law is a class C infraction which carries a fine of up to \$500 plus court costs. **All occupants must be using proper seatbelt restraints.**

UNRESTRICTED LICENSE at AGE 21

Young, inexperienced drivers, particularly 16- to 17-year-olds, are significantly over represented in fatal crashes. NHTSA research tells us that immaturity and inexperience are primary factors contributing to these deadly crashes by young drivers. GDL laws address these factors by reducing high-risk exposure for novice drivers.



REMEMBER

During the first 12-24 months of driving, teens are at the greatest risk for being involved in a crash. That risk decreases with driving experience.