

"IF I ONLY KNEW..." A statement that is heard all too often.

A driver's first year behind the wheel is one of the most dangerous times in their life. Parents need to make a commitment to work closely with their teens to manage their driving experience and set a good example by modeling the behavior expected from their teens. The CHP can help with resources for parents and their teens.



START SMART
Driving Smart to Stay Safe
Brought to you by the California Highway Patrol

Need more information?

Please contact your local



CHP office,
www.chp.ca.gov
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START
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A Teenager is killed in a traffic collision every 70 MINUTES NATIONWIDE

that is more than **5,000** teenagers killed each year

and another **375,000** teenagers are injured in traffic collisions.

Despite safer vehicles, better roads, and countless driving programs, the above numbers have remained fairly constant for more than a decade. However, these deaths and injuries can be substantially reduced or prevented by eliminating high-risk behaviors.

HIGH-RISK BEHAVIORS INCLUDE:

- **Unsafe speed**
- **Following too closely**
- **Failure to yield the right of way**
- **Failure to properly wear seat belts**
- **Driving while impaired**
(*alcohol or other drugs*)
- **Inattention/Distraction**

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) has created a unique two-hour class designed to help your teen driver to Start Smart.

Start Smart is a free class offered statewide to current and prospective teenage drivers, and

their parents or guardians. The two-hour, no-cost class discusses important issues such as:

- Tips on how to avoid collisions
- Safe driving habits
- Dynamics of a collision
- Consequences of a poor choice behind the wheel of a vehicle
- Testimonies of people tragically impacted by incidents involving teen drivers
- Parental roles and responsibilities
- Legal ramifications and civil liabilities affecting teen drivers and their parents

You and your teen will be more aware, more educated, and better prepared. Please contact your local CHP office and schedule your teen for a Start Smart class today.

Some insurance companies may offer a discount for teens who have attended a Start Smart class.



PROVISIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSE

California Vehicle Code 12814.6

First Year Restrictions:

- Shall not drive between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless accompanied and supervised by a licensed driver who is the parent/guardian, a licensed driver who is 25 years of age or older, or a certified driving instructor.
- Shall not transport passengers who are under the age of 20 unless accompanied and supervised by a licensed driver who is the parent/guardian, a licensed driver who is 25 years of age or older, or a certified driving instructor.