

TEEN DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS CRASH RISK

**Effect of Passenger GDL Restrictions on
Crash Risk**

- **GDL created by NHTSA in 1976, Introduced by Maryland in 1979**
- **GDL imposes limits on number of teen passengers during Provisional phase..**
- **Number of teen passengers permitted varies across States.**

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Effect of Passenger GDL Restrictions

- Proportion of crashes involving teen passengers declines following introduction of restrictions
- Estimated Estimated Crash reduction from passenger restrictions ranges from 7% reduction with low compliance to 40% with high compliance
- California showed 10% reduction in crash rate of cars, a 25% reduction in injuries, and a 23% decline in injuries per licensed 16 year olds.

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- **Enforcement is hampered by inability of police to determine license status of passing vehicles.**
- **Compliance requires active support from parents**
- **Experience with GDL increases parental support**