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Teenagers drive less, but they have the highest fatal crash rate per mile driven. The fatal crash rate is nearly two times higher for 16-17 year old drivers than for 18-19 year old drivers.³



Young male drivers were 2 times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than their female peers.²



Teens who say their parents set rules and monitor their activities in a helpful, supportive way are half as likely to crash and 70% less likely to drive intoxicated than teens who describe their parents as less involved.¹



Among crashes attributed to a critical teen driver error, 21% of serious teen driver crashes were due to driving too fast for road conditions.⁴



Texting while driving increases a teen's risk of crashing by 23 times.⁵



Among students who drove a vehicle in the past month 39% had texted or e-mailed while driving⁶

↓ 23%

The number of young drivers

The number of young drivers involved in alcohol-involved fatal crashes with a positive BAC declined 23 percent between 2007 and 2016.⁷



Among teen drivers

Among teen drivers involved in fatal crashes, 9% were reported as distracted at the time of the crash. Teen drivers are the largest percent of distracted drivers at the time of the crash.⁸



What Can Parents Do? Set a Good Example



Always model safe driving behavior



Discuss safe driving with your teen on an ongoing basis



Sign a contract with your teen driver



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