

## Colorado Graduated Driver Licensing Laws for Drivers Under Age 18 A Guide for Law Enforcement

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	Statute	Restrictions	Exemptions	Penalty
<b>Safety Belts</b>	<b>42-2-105.5(3) Code 589</b> All occupants must be secured in a safety belt or child restraint system.			Class A traffic infraction; primary violation; 2 pts; 8-40 hrs community service; \$65 1 <sup>st</sup> offense; \$130 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; and \$195 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Plus a \$10 surcharge.
	<b>42-2-105.5(4) Code 468</b> Only one passenger in front seat. Driving with more passengers than safety belts in rear seats.			Class A traffic infraction; primary violation; 2 pts; 8-40 hrs community service; \$65.00 1 <sup>st</sup> Offense; \$130 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; \$195 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Plus a \$10 surcharge.
<b>Curfew</b>	<b>42-4-116(2)(a) Code 168</b> Operator who has held license less than one year shall not operate motor vehicle between midnight and 5 a.m.	No driving between 12 a.m. and 5 a.m. for 1 yr of license.	Parent in car or an adult age 21 or older with a valid drivers license for at least 1 yr; emancipated minor; medical emergency; driving to school or on account of employment with signed document from school or employer.	Class A traffic infraction; secondary violation; 2 pts; 8-24 hrs community service; \$50 fine 1 <sup>st</sup> offense; \$100 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; and \$150 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Plus a \$17 surcharge.
Points for Suspension: Teens under 18 lose license if 6 pts in 12 months or 7 pts before age 18.				

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<b>Permit</b>	<b>42-2-106 Code 062</b> Violated restrictions on temporary instruction permit.	Driver with instruction permit can only drive with individuals that signed the affidavit; supervisor must be in the front seat.	May allow an alternate permit supervisor, but must be age 21 or older with a valid driver's license.	Class A traffic infraction; 3 pts; \$70 plus a \$11 surcharge.
<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>42-4-239(5)(a) &amp; (b) Code 587 &amp; 588</b> Misuse of cell phone while operating a motor vehicle.	No driver under 18 years of age shall use a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle.	To contact a public safety entity; or during an emergency.	Class A traffic infraction; primary violation; 1 pt; \$50 fine 1 <sup>st</sup> offense; \$100 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense. Plus a \$7 surcharge.
<b>Passenger</b>	<b>42-4-116(1)(a) Code 169</b> Minor driver operating a motor vehicle with an unauthorized passenger.	<b>First 6 months of drivers license:</b> No passengers under 21. <b>Between 6 months to 1 year of holding license:</b> 1 passenger under age 21 allowed.	Immediate family/ siblings are exempt; if parent in car or an adult age 21 or older with a valid drivers license for at least 1yr; or passenger needs emergency medical help.	Class A traffic infraction; secondary violation; 2 pts; 8-24 hrs community service; \$50 fine 1 <sup>st</sup> offense; \$100 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; and \$150 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Plus a \$17 surcharge.