

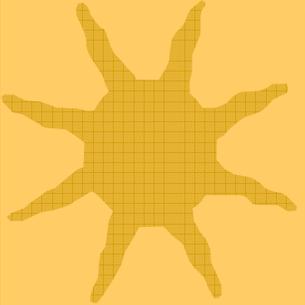
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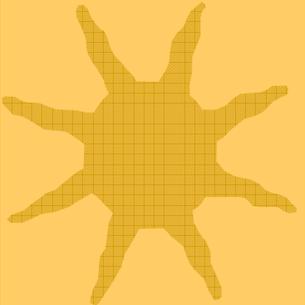
Kids, Keys, Cars and the Graduated Driver's Licensing (GDL) Law



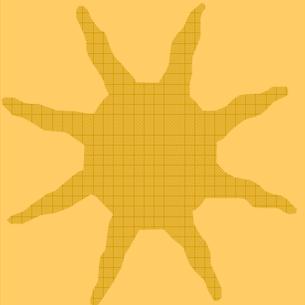
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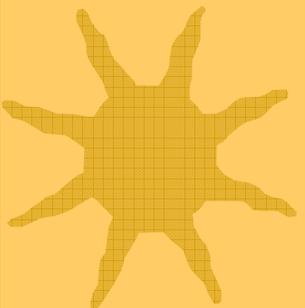
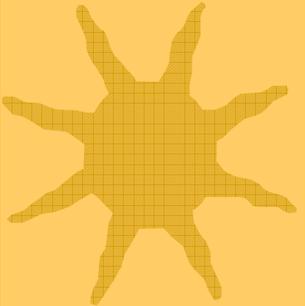
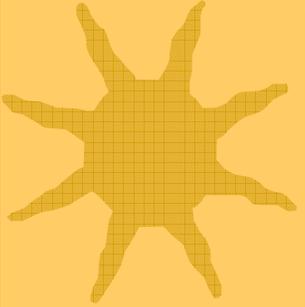
★ MV crashes are the leading cause of death among teens 15-19



★ The crash rate of young drivers is 150% greater than the average driver

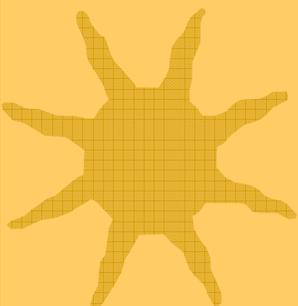
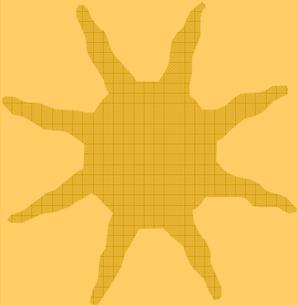
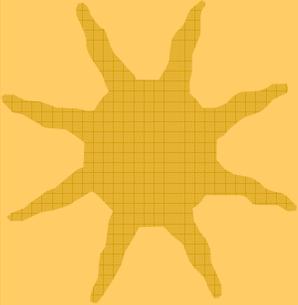


Nearly two-thirds of people killed in crashes involving drivers ages 15-17 are people other than the driver.



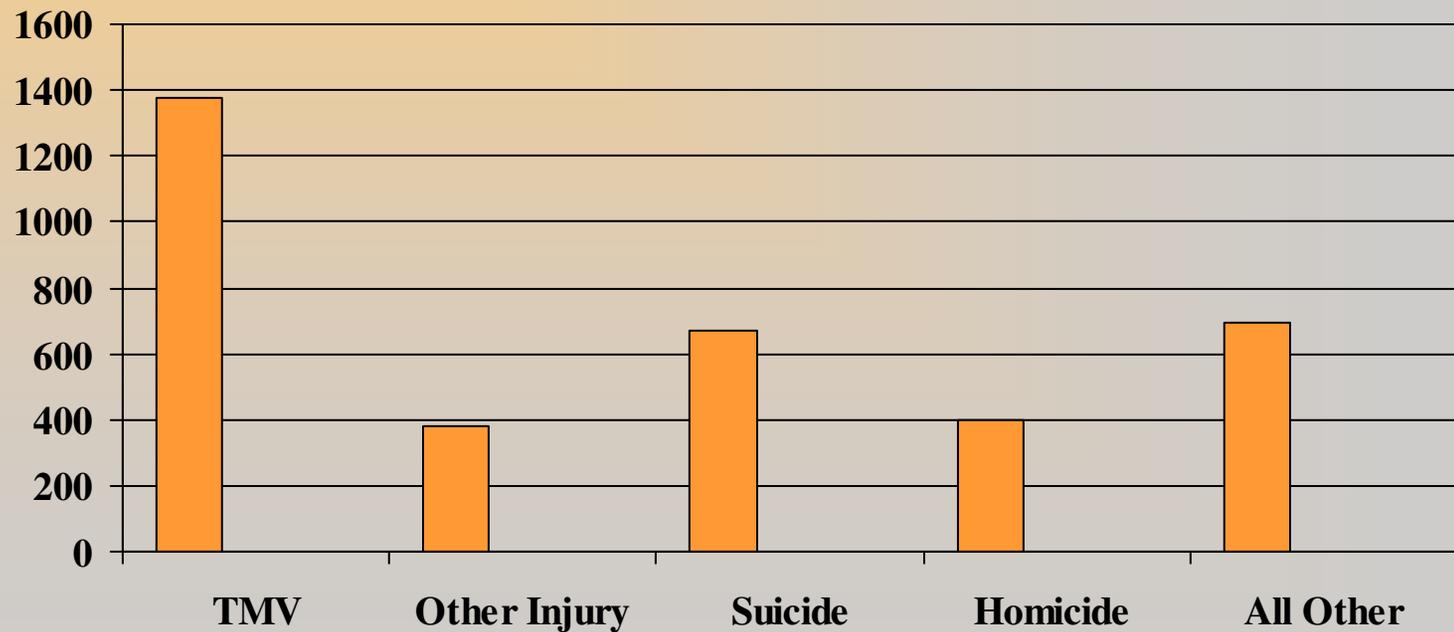
Why GDL is a Priority

- ★ Every 15 seconds a driver 15-20 is involved in a police reported crash
- ★ A teen's risk of dying in a crash nearly doubles when one male passenger is in the car and it more than doubles with two or more male passengers.

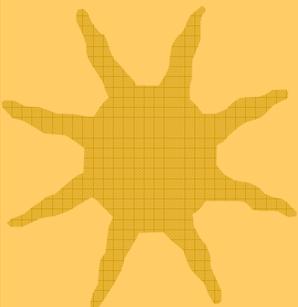
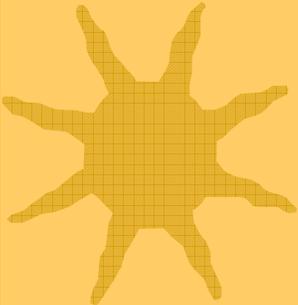
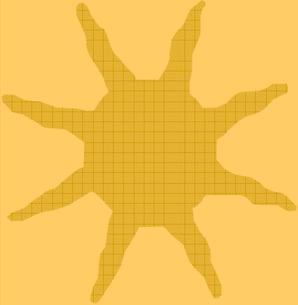


Magnitude of the Problem

15-19 year old teen deaths by cause
Colorado, 1990-2006



Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths: 2004 = 107; 2006 = 67

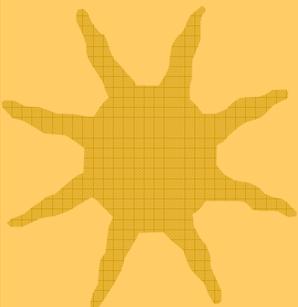
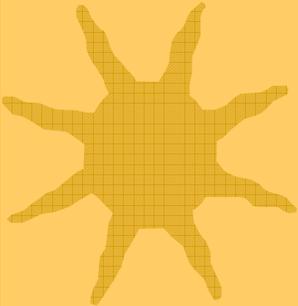
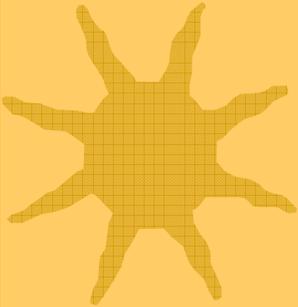


Contributing Risk Factors

- ★ Least likely group to use seatbelts
- ★ Inexperienced driving
- ★ Teen brain development
- ★ Misperception of invincibility and risk
- ★ Distractions
 - Passengers (especially males)
 - Cell phones, music, eating, etc.
- ★ Drinking or riding with drinking driver
- ★ Night-time driving



Barriers to Action



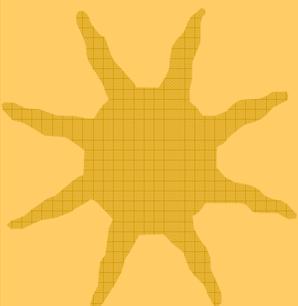
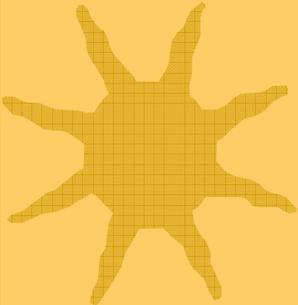
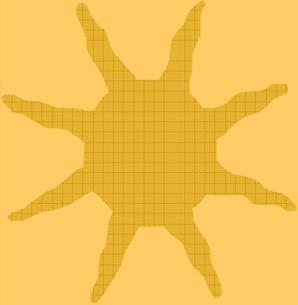
- ★ Most people (including law enforcement) don't understand the GDL Law
- ★ Most people don't realize motor vehicle (MV) crashes are the number one killer of teens
- ★ MV crashes are perceived as "accidents" - nothing can be done

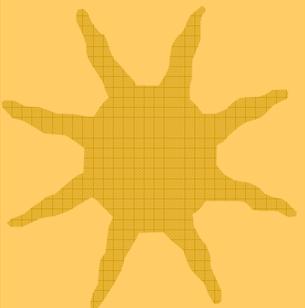
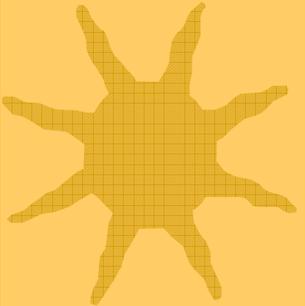
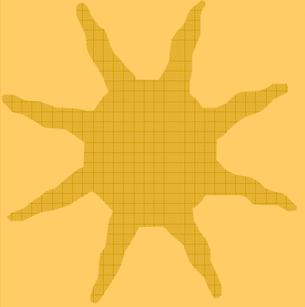


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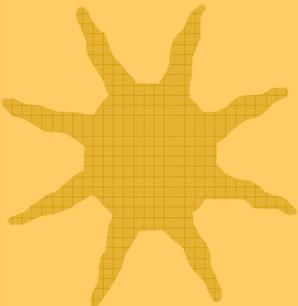
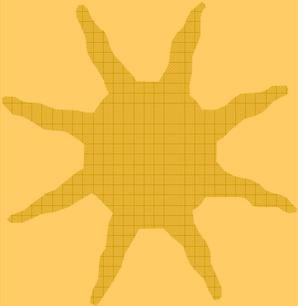
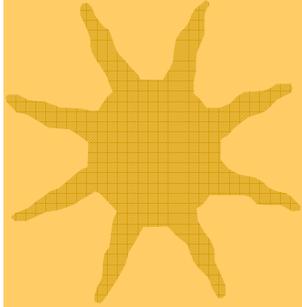
- ★ MV safety not a priority when a student has multiple risks (abuse, alcohol/drug use, etc.)
- ★ Not a typical focus of primary care providers
- ★ Teens don't like the passenger restrictions!!
- ★ Inconvenient for coaches, parents, etc.





New GDL Laws Permit Holders

- ★ Teens must hold learner's permit for 1 year
- ★ Must wear seatbelt
- ★ No cell phones



GDL Law

Restricted License

Secondary Violation

- ★ A person under the age of 18 shall have no passengers under 21 for the first 6 months

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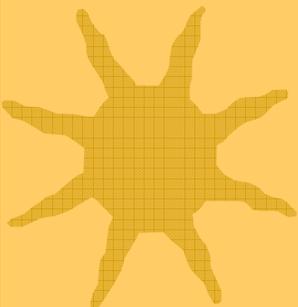
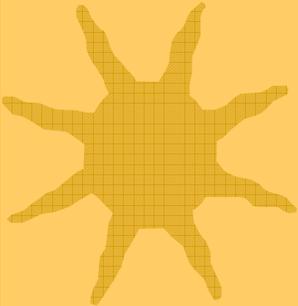
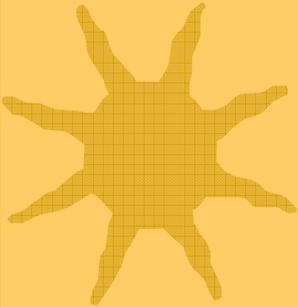
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A person under the age of 18 with a license for at least 6 months but less than one year shall have no more than one passenger in the vehicle

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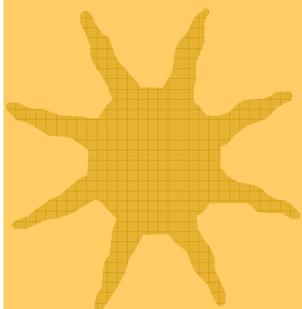
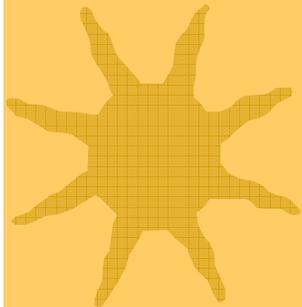
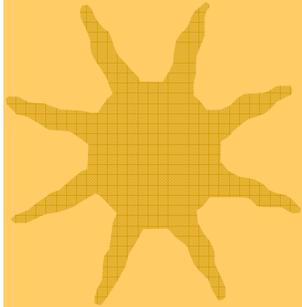
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Secondary Violation

- ★ A driver under the age of 18 with a license for less than one year shall not operate a motor vehicle between midnight and 5:00 am

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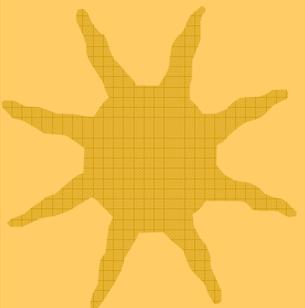
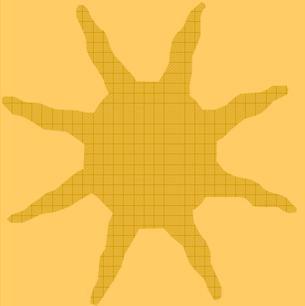
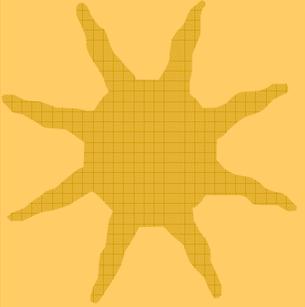
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Primary Violation

- ★ Drivers under age 18 and all passengers must wear seatbelts
- ★ No more than one passenger in the front seat
- ★ The number of passengers in the backseat must not exceed the number of seatbelts



Things to Look For



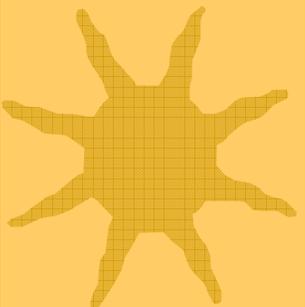
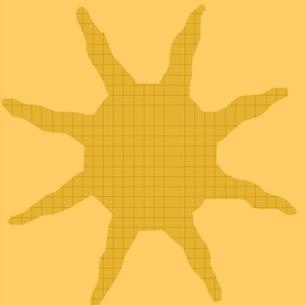
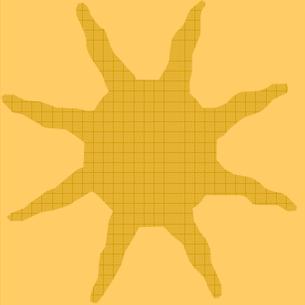
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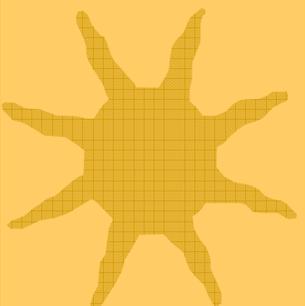
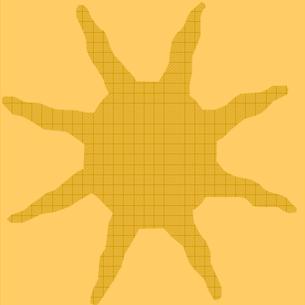
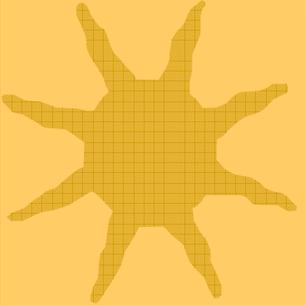


Things to Look For

With a driver under 18:

- ★ **Only 1 passenger in the front seat**
- ★ **Everyone must be in seat belts (even in the back seat)**
- ★ **Passengers must not exceed number of seat belts**





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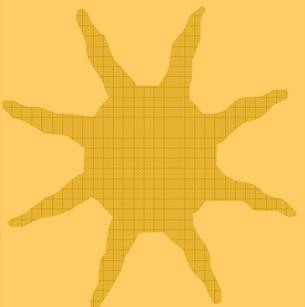
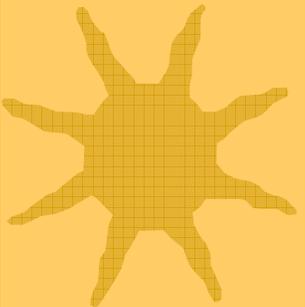
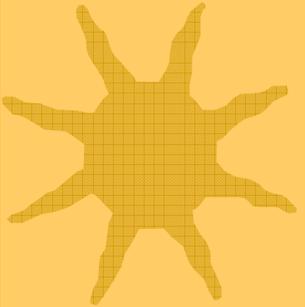
- ★ **First six months of driving, ONLY siblings and immediate family members in car**
- ★ **Second six months of driving, ONLY ONE teen passenger (non-family member) allowed**

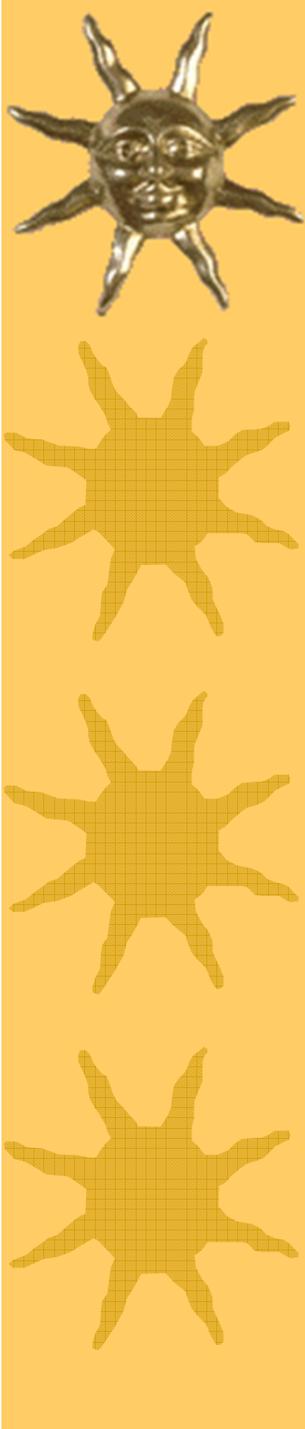


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With a driver under 18:

- ★ **During first full year with license, NO driving between midnight and 5:00 am (see exemptions)**





Resources

- ★ Colorado Department of Revenue

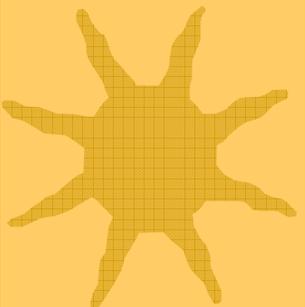
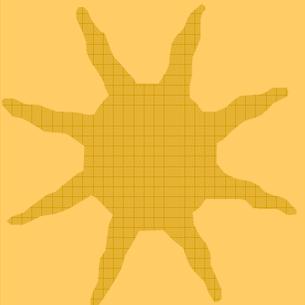
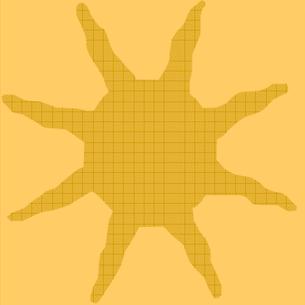
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