

You're in the Driver's Seat.

FINALLY.

Power.

Freedom.

An unflattering photo on your license.

The joy of adulthood.

And a lot of responsibility.

Seriously.

Crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in Colorado and across the country. Colorado's new laws are designed to help you gradually – and safely – build your skills and experience behind the wheel.

Know them.
Obey them.

They're keeping you in The Driver's Seat.

Do you **GET IT?**

See if you really understand Colorado's GDL laws: take the quiz at www.coteendriver.com. Find out more about what you need to know to drive safely – and legally – on our website.

Teen Driver Resources:

AAA Colorado www.aaa.com/teens

Alive at 25 www.aliveat25.us

Colorado Department of Transportation www.dot.state.co.us

Colorado State Patrol www.csp.state.co.us

Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Division www.revenue.state.co.us/mv_dir/home.asp

Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association www.rmiia.org

Learn more at www.coteendriver.com.



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YOU RULE



Here's how:

KNOW COLORADO'S
TEEN DRIVING LAWS.
YOU'RE IN
THE DRIVER'S SEAT.



Slap on those bumper stickers. You can personalize your ride. But you can't personalize the rules. They're black and white.

These laws are designed to keep you safe as you gain experience. Similar laws in other states have saved lives.



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> PHASE 1

The Instruction Permit

Your autograph is not enough. All new drivers under age 18 require a parent/legal guardian's signed affidavit of liability to get an instruction permit.

How old do you need to be to apply?

- 16
- Or, 15-year-olds who have completed and passed the classroom portion of a state-approved driver's education course within 6 months of applying for their permit.
- Or, 15 years and 6 months to 16 years who have completed a 4-hour driver awareness course.

Rules for Teens Under 18 with Instruction Permits

- No talking, texting or using cell phones at all while driving.
- *Who can ride:*
If you're under 18, you may not drive with anyone except your driving instructor, parent or legal guardian or an adult alternate permit supervisor approved by your parent or legal guardian. If you're 18 and older, you may drive with any licensed driver 21 years of age or older.

After you get your Instruction Permit, before you can apply for a license you must:

- Hold an instruction permit for at least one year.
- Log 50 hours of driving time with an authorized, licensed parent or legal guardian. Ten of those hours must be nighttime driving.
- Complete behind-the-wheel training if you were issued a permit between age 15 to 15 and 6 months on or after April 23, 2007. Learn more at www.coteendriver.com or contact your local Driver's License Office.

> PHASE 2

The Restricted License

Rules for Licensed Drivers Under Age 18

- No driving between midnight and 5 a.m. until you've had a driver's license for at least one year, unless accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.

Exceptions:

- Driving to school or school-authorized activity and the school doesn't provide transportation. Signed statement from school required.

Exceptions, continued:

- Driving to/from work. Signed statement from employer required.
- Medical emergency.
- You're an emancipated minor with a valid driver's license.
- *Who can ride:*
No passengers under age 21 until you've had a license for at least six months. No more than one passenger under age 21 until you've had a driver's license for at least one year. (Siblings and passengers with medical emergencies excepted.)
- All drivers under 18 and their passengers must wear seatbelts. This is a primary enforcement law.
- Only one passenger may ride in the front seat.
- No drinking and driving. Colorado has a ZERO TOLERANCE law for minor drivers.
- Obey all traffic laws.
- Carry proof of insurance.
- **Buckle up.**

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> PHASE 3

The Full Privilege License

Upon turning 18, restrictions are removed from your license. You then have a full privilege license.

You've waited a long time for this. Don't blow it.

If you get caught breaking a GDL law, Colorado will add points to your license. Points could result in community service and higher insurance costs. If you're 16 or 17 years old and accumulate 6 points, you could lose your license.

But that's not the point. The laws are designed to keep you – and everyone else in your vehicle and on the road – safe. **Sixteen-year old drivers are nearly three times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than the average of all other drivers.**

Learn Colorado's GDL laws. Obey them.

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