

INSIDE THE MIND OF TEENAGE DRIVERS

{NATIONWIDE SURVEY}

Motor vehicle fatality is the leading cause of death to teenagers, representing over one-third of all accidental deaths in the US. Young, inexperienced drivers are overrepresented in motor vehicle crashes; for both men and women, drivers aged 16 to 19 years of age have the highest average annual crash and traffic violation rates of any other age group.

There are enormous risks associated with driving. Driver inexperience is the main cause of teen crashes. It's a fact that all new drivers—even straight-A students and “good kids”—are likelier than experienced drivers to be involved in a fatal crash. Teens are more likely than older drivers to underestimate dangerous situations or not be able to recognize hazardous situations.

A new nationwide study offers surprising insights into the mind of teenage drivers. The study, released by Driving-Tests.org, a leading online driver education provider, reveals that teenage drivers are not only cognizant of the dangers involved with driving a motor vehicle, they are also surprisingly insecure about their own limited capacity to manage those risks.

SURVEY METHODS:

An online survey was completed by 1400 participants. At least 75% of respondents were between the ages of 14 - 24; at least 50% of participants were women and 30% were men.



A NEW NATIONWIDE STUDY BY DRIVING-TESTS.ORG REVEALS HOW TEENAGE DRIVERS FEEL ABOUT GETTING BEHIND THE WHEEL, INCLUDING DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PARALLEL PARKING.

WHAT ARE TEENAGERS' BIGGEST FEARS ABOUT DRIVING?



36% - Being involved in an accident, crash or wreck
22% - Unpredictability of other drivers
9% - Parallel parking
7% - Turning
7% - Highways / driving around trucks
6% - Getting lost or feeling confused

WHAT IS THE HARDEST PART OF LEARNING HOW TO DRIVE?



24% - Understanding the phrases on the driver's test
16% - Developing the right driving skills
12% - Overcoming the emotional pressure

WHAT IS THE MOST DANGEROUS THING TO DO WHEN DRIVING?



63% - Texting
12% - Talking on a cellphone
10% - Drinking & driving

FEAR & ANXIETY PLAY A ROLE IN TEENAGE DRIVERS



14% - "I am fearful about driving"
12% - "Emotional pressure makes it hard to drive"
5% - "I could kill or injure another person"

WHAT IS THE MOST DANGEROUS THING YOU SEE YOUR PARENTS DO WHILE DRIVING?



34% - Texting
21% - Interior distraction
19% - Using a cell phone
13% - Not wearing a seatbelt or driving with knees.
8% - Aggressive driving

WHAT ASPECTS OF DRIVING ARE TEENAGERS MOST EXCITED ABOUT?



27% - Freedom & independence
25% - Increased mobility & access to transportation
9% - Getting to work or school

ABOUT DRIVING-TESTS.ORG

A leading online educational learning site for permit test preparation and new driver education, Driving-Tests.org provides free permit practice test services to empower US learner drivers in all 50 states as they prepare for their DMV exams. Each practice test is state specific, based on the current year's official Driver's Manual, and includes a separate section on Signs and Road Situations, so every learner driver can be sure they are receiving the most up-to-date test questions. Since 2010, Driving-Tests.org has issued over 4.5 million practice permit tests. In 2013, the Company launched its public service campaign, "Focus on the Road" to help raise awareness and promote driving safety for teenagers.



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