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*Keep Teen Drivers Safe*

* Did you know that car crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers in the US
	+ 7 teens die every day in accidents
	+ 2/3 of teen passengers who die are with teen drivers
* What puts teen drivers at risk?
	+ Inexperience Impaired Driving
	+ Night driving Lack of Seatbelts used
	+ Driving with teens Distractions
* What works to protect teen drivers?
	+ Strong Provisional Driver’s Licenses decrease fatal crashes by 20%
	+ Uses of seat belts could decrease fatalities by 45%
	+ Limiting teens access to alcohol
* California has had a Provisional Driver’s License in place with modifications since 1997 (Brady-Jared Teen Driver Safety Act). This has undoubtedly saved many lives but could be stronger:
	+ Night driving limits should be expanded (currently 11 PM-5 AM) since most accidents happen between 9 PM and 12 midnight
	+ Increase the age for obtaining a Learner’s Permit to 16. This increased age for a permit and subsequent license will allow for a more mature driver
	+ Increase teen passenger restrictions to 18 years of age. Currently, teen drivers have no teen passengers for 1st year. One option would be limit to one teen passenger until 18.
	+ Consider Provisional Driver’s License for those 18-20. Many teens now wait until they are 18 to get a license to avoid having any restrictions.
* Restrict access to alcohol and reinforce dangers of use
	+ 24% of High School Juniors in California have driven after drinking or ridden with a driver who had been drinking
* Engage parents in the process
	+ Parents are the primary role model for driving and also, the ones who set the rules for driving access