

Department of Motor Vehicles

Driving Restrictions for 16 and 17 Year Olds

Learner's Permit Restrictions for 16/17 Year Olds:

Passenger	Only a parent, legal guardian or <u>qualified trainer</u> for the duration of the permit.
Curfew	No curfew, but must be accompanied by a qualified trainer.
Seatbelts	All passengers in vehicle must use permanently installed seat belts.
Cell phones, etc.	May not use cell phones (even if hands-free) or other mobile electronic devices while driving. This includes any hand-held computer or other device with a video display.

Driver's License Restrictions for 16/17 Year Olds who Obtained a Driver License

Passenger	<p>For the first 6 months after obtaining a driver license, may only drive with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents or legal guardian at least one of whom holds a valid driver license • Licensed driving instructor or • Person providing instruction who is at least 20 years old, has held a license for at least 4 years with no suspensions during the last 4 years <p>For the second 6 months, may drive with the above people or may also drive with immediate family (e.g., brothers, and sisters).</p>
Curfew	<p>Until 18th birthday, may not drive between hours of 11PM – 5AM unless it is for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employment • school • religious activities • medical necessity <p>*See exemptions below</p>
Seatbelts	Until 18th birthday , all passengers in vehicle must use permanently installed seat belts.
Cell phones, etc.	Until 18th birthday , may not use cell phones (even if hands-free) or other mobile electronic devices while driving. This includes any hand-held computers or other device with a video display.

*Passenger/Curfew Exemptions:

The **passenger** and **curfew** restrictions do not apply to:

- active members of a volunteer fire company or department responding to an emergency
- active member of volunteer ambulance service or company responding to an emergency
- assigned driver in a Safe Ride program.

Motorcycle Restrictions for 16/17 Year Olds

Passenger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For first 6 months, no passengers.
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Motorcycle Restrictions for 18 Year Olds and Older

Passenger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For first 3 months, no passengers.
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Additional Restriction for 16/17-Year-Old Permit/License Holders:

May not operate any public service vehicle or vanpool vehicle.

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