

Novice Driver Safety

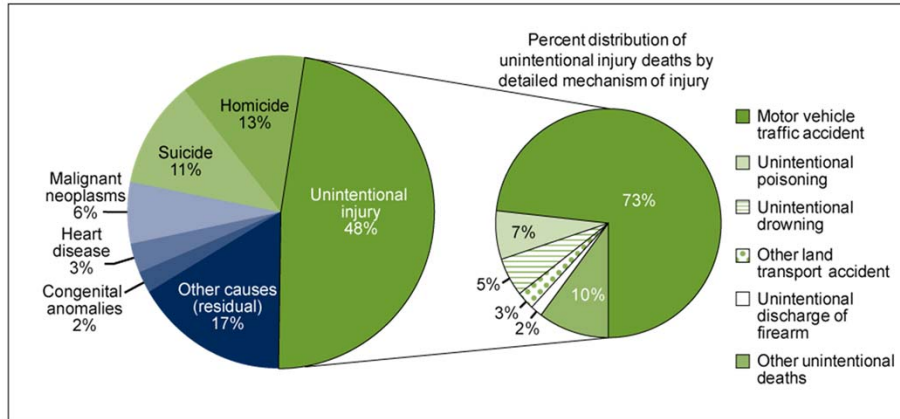


Safer Alaskan Roads for Alaskan
Drivers



Cause of death among teenagers between 1999-2006

Figure 2. Percent distribution of all deaths to teenagers 12–19 years, by cause of death: United States, 1999–2006



SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System, Mortality.

Alaska Statistics for Drivers 14-16 2004-2008

Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes Involving Drivers age 14-16, 2004-2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Crashes	692	592	477	441	437
Property Damage Only	428	377	307	270	288
Minor Injury Crashes	222	191	146	137	127
Major Injury Crashes	37	22	19	28	15
Fatal Crashes	5	2	5	6	7
Non-Fatal Injuries	398	321	256	264	223
Minor Injuries	348	296	228	230	201
Major Injuries	50	25	28	34	22
Fatal Injuries	5	2	5	7	8
Occupants Not Injured	1830	1361	1195	987	1070

Source: State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Highway Analysis System (HAS)

Alaska Statistics for drivers ages 16-17 between 2002-2011

The Total Drivers in Fatal Crashes by Age, Alaska 2002-2011

- Fourteen 16 year olds were involved in fatal crashes in Alaska between 2002-2011
- This is 1.3% of the total amount of drivers in fatal crashes
- Eighteen 17 year olds were involved in fatal crashes in Alaska between 2002-2011
- This is 1.7% of the total amount of drivers in fatal crashes

The total Drivers License in Alaska by Age between 2002-2011

- 61,254 sixteen year olds were licensed, this is 1.2% of the total
- 74,882 seventeen year olds were licensed, this is 1.5% of the total

Provisional Licensed Drivers

- Provisional Licensed Drivers are hazardous due to:
 - Apprehension
 - Lack of experience
 - Weather conditions
 - No drivers education requirement
 - Alaska's diversity from other states

Solution

- A person holding a provisional driver's license shall display in the rear window of each vehicle operated by the person a sticker issued by the department that identifies that the vehicle is operated by a provisional licensee..





Why This Solution?

- This is a simple solution to benefit Alaskan drivers.
- It will impress other driver's to be more cautious driving around the novice teen driver
- It will provide other drivers the information necessary to understand the Provisional Licensee's position
- This will assist law enforcement officers in implementing the law

Enforcement

- Failure to display a sticker as required by this subsection is an infraction and may be punished by a fine of not more than \$200. .



Procedures

- The state of Alaska will supply the Department of Motor Vehicles with stickers to distribute to those persons acquiring an Provisional License
- Those acquiring a Provisional License will pay for the sticker as part of the permitting process.
- Sticker will be placed on the rear window of the operating vehicle

Summary

- Teen drivers with Provisional License are statistically more hazardous to themselves and other Alaskans
- Require Provisional drivers to identify their status
- Reduce the number of accidents and infractions in Alaska, and help save Alaskan lives

