Novice Driver Safety



Safer Alaskan Roads for Alaskan Drivers

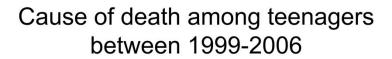
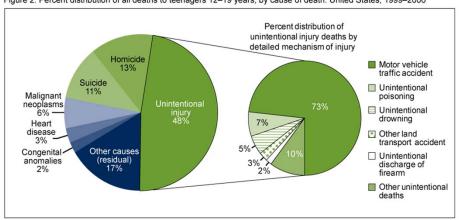


Figure 2. Percent distribution of all deaths to teenagers 12–19 years, by cause of death: United States, 1999–2006



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 Minor Injury Crashes Major Injury Crashes Fatal Crashes	428 222 37 5	377 191 22 2	307 146 19 5	270 137 28 6	288 127 15 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-
- 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

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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 \$300.



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

