



**20% Of all fatal crashes in Montana involved a teenage driver.**

**13% Of teens in MT admitted to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.**

**55% Of fatal accidents involving teenagers were due to speeding, distracted driving, or other reckless conduct.**

## **TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK**

Third Full Week of October

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Parental involvement, school programs, and community events are all ways to raise awareness about the importance of safe driving practices and encourage young drivers to make responsible decisions.

### **POLICY & LAW**

Effective policies and laws that encourage and support safe driving practices, such as graduated licensing, can help ensure that young drivers are prepared for the road ahead.

### **TECHNOLOGY**

New safety technologies, such as seat belt reminders and collision avoidance systems, can help reduce the number of accidents caused by driver error.

### **EDUCATION**

Encouraging proper driver education, from classroom work to on-the-road training, is vital to creating a new generation of responsible drivers.

## **ABOUT**

Montana Teen Driver Safety Day is the third Tuesday in October during National Teen Driver Safety Week. Proclaimed by the Montana State Legislature in 2009, its mission is to bring teens, community leaders, educators, and parents together to prevent young driver crashes, the leading cause of death for teens.

## **OCTOBER 21ST**

### **MT TEEN DRIVER SAFETY DAY**

## **INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE TEEN DRIVING SAFETY**

### **graduated driver licensing**

The GDL system is designed to gradually expose teen drivers to the open road, with certain restrictions in place until they gain more experience and reach the age of 18.

### **traffic safety education**

Driver education programs that cover topics such as defensive driving, decision making, and risk management are crucial to improving teen safety.

### **public awareness campaigns**

Public awareness campaigns can raise awareness about the dangers of teen driving and promote healthy driving habits among teenagers.

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