

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR PERSONS AGED 15 TO 24

All too often young people don't recognize potential consequences without some tangible proof

Join us in the Young Driver Program

The Young Driver Program will be held at Lee Memorial Hospital in the auditorium once monthly. Class will be from 5:30—8:30 p.m. and is **FREE** to young drivers and their parents.

The program will educate young drivers on different legal issues involved with driving and also how to stay focused on driving and the responsibilities that go along with the driving privilege.

This program is not a substitute for Drivers Education, but a supplement to the Drivers Education course

To register for the program please contact: Syndi Bultman at 239-343-3797

Did you know?

- * **The risk of motor vehicle crashes is higher among 16-19 year olds than among any other age group**
In fact, per mile driven, teen drivers ages 16 to 19 are three times more likely than older drivers to be in a fatal crash (IHHS 2003)
- * **The presence of teen passengers increases the crash risk of unsupervised teen drivers: the risk increases with the number of teen passengers.**
Crash risk is particularly high during the first year that teenagers are eligible to drive
- * **Although teens represent 7% of the licensed population they are involved in almost 20% of fatal crashes (AAA)**
- * **Approx .5,000 teens die each year in motor vehicle crashes (AAA)**
- * **A typical distraction lasts three seconds, enough time for a vehicle going 68 mph to travel the length of a football field.**
- * **Among male drivers between 15 and 20 years of age who were involved in fatal crashes in 2012, 37% were speeding at the time of the crash and 25% had been drinking (CDC)**
- * **Teens have the lowest rate of seat belt use. In 2013, only 55% of high school students reported they always wear seat belts**
- * **In 2012, 71% of drivers aged 15-20 were in killed in motor vehicle crashes after drinking and driving were not wear a seat belt (CDC 2012)**

Research shows that seat belts reduce serious crash-related injuries and deaths by about half (CDC 2012)

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