



# Hitting the Road: Top 5 risks for new drivers

*The five most serious safety issues for teen drivers are distracted driving, seat belt use, speeding, impaired driving and passengers. There are ways to reduce the risks for new drivers.*

## Fast facts

- Never text or use a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle
- Having two or more passengers in the car can triple the risk of a fatal crash
- Speeding is involved in 1 of 3 fatal car accidents
- Aggressive driving/risk taking and speeding are other factors that can impact safe driving
  - Drivers can be impaired by:
    - Alcohol/other drugs
    - Medications
    - Medical Conditions
    - Lack of sleep
- 83% of Wisconsin residents wear their seat belt while the National average is 86%
- If Wisconsin raised seat belt use by 10%, there would be 44 less deaths each year due to crashes
- It is the driver's responsibility to make sure that everyone in the car is buckled up

## Reduce your risk

- Know the laws
- This is not an excuse if a law is broken
- Follow the laws
- Have a plan

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