


**Parents**

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**“How interested are you in getting your license just as soon as you can?”**

**(Ages 15 and Younger)**

Very – 76%  
 Somewhat – 18%  
 Slightly – 5%  
 Not At All – 1%




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**(Ages 15 and Younger)**

“Having my own car is very important to me” 89% agree

“Teenagers who have their own car have more fun” 71% agree

“People treat you more like an adult when you have a driver’s license” 62% agree




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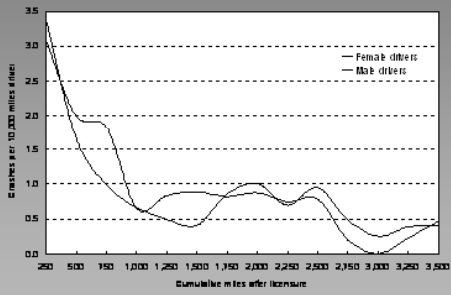
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**Figure 2**  
**Crash Rate by Cumulative Miles Driven after Licensure –**  
**Male Drivers and Female Drivers**




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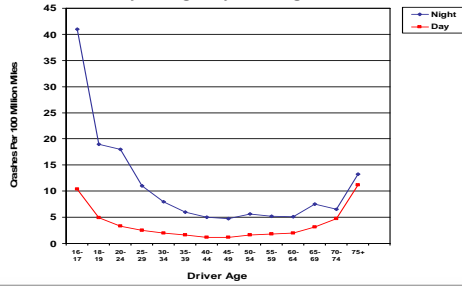
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**Fatal Crash Involvement per 100 Million Miles**  
**Day vs. Night, by Driver Age, 1990**




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**Crash Risk and Passengers**

Driver Age	Alone	Passenger(s)
16	2.28	4.72
17	1.77	3.52
18	1.77	3.66
19	1.61	3.23
20-24	1.50	2.54
25-29	1.28	1.69
30-59	1.00	1.00

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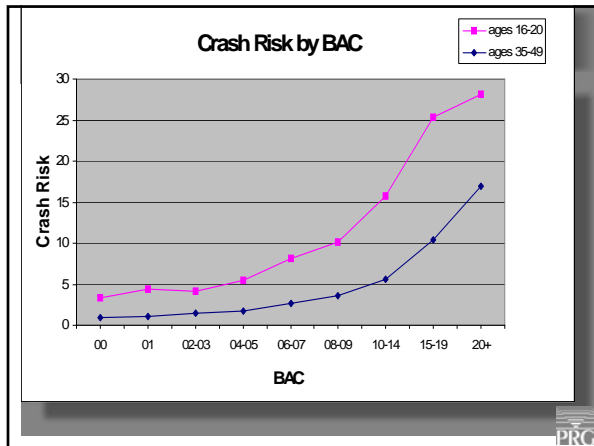
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### High crash rates overall

Very high:

- During first few months/miles of driving
- At night
- With teenage passenger
- With alcohol

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### Novice Teen Driving Dilemma

- ▲ Dilemma
  - ▶ Teens need independent driving experience to become safe drivers
- ▲ Solution: Drive under lower risk conditions
  - ▶ GDL policies
  - ▶ Parent management
    - Checkpoints
    - CT Parent Orientation

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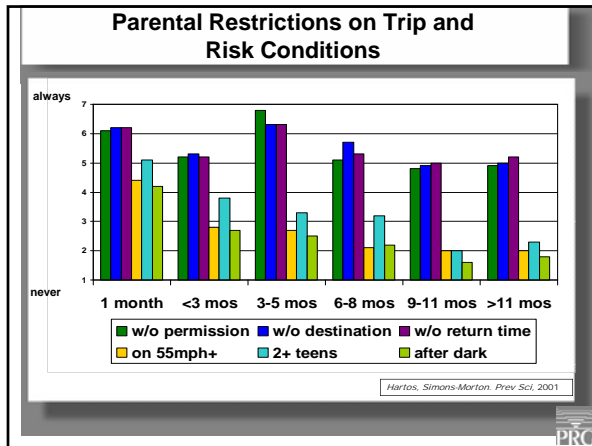
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### The Checkpoints Parent-Teen Driving Agreement

**PART I: DRIVING RULES:** These are absolutes — ones that apply to every trip, every time

Teen driver will:	Parent will:
<input type="checkbox"/> Always obey all traffic laws <input type="checkbox"/> Never speed, tailgate, or cut others off <input type="checkbox"/> Always wear a seat belt and require all passengers to wear seat belts <input type="checkbox"/> Never drive after taking any drugs or alcohol or ride with a driver who has taken any drugs or alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Always tell parent/guardian where going and with whom <input type="checkbox"/> Always call home if going to be late <input type="checkbox"/> Always call home if for any reason it is not safe to drive or ride	<input type="checkbox"/> Be a good role model behind the wheel <input type="checkbox"/> Point out and discuss safe and dangerous driving situations and practices <input type="checkbox"/> Apply rules fairly and consistently <input type="checkbox"/> Consider <i>necessary</i> exceptions to driving limits <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a safe ride home (no questions asked at that time)

**PART II: DRIVING PRIVILEGES:** These need to be tailored to your teen's driving progress

DRIVING PRIVILEGES	Nighttime	Teen passengers	Weather	Road types	Review date	We agree Initials
Checkpoint 1 Month 1	8 pm	None	Dry	Local		____
Checkpoint 2 Months 2-6	9 pm	None	Moderate	No high speed		____
Checkpoint 3 Months 7-12	11 pm	1	Most	Most		____

WE AGREE (sign) \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT \_\_\_\_\_ TEEN \_\_\_\_\_

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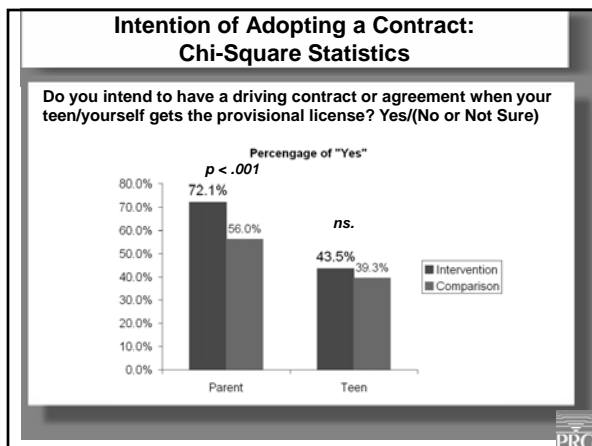
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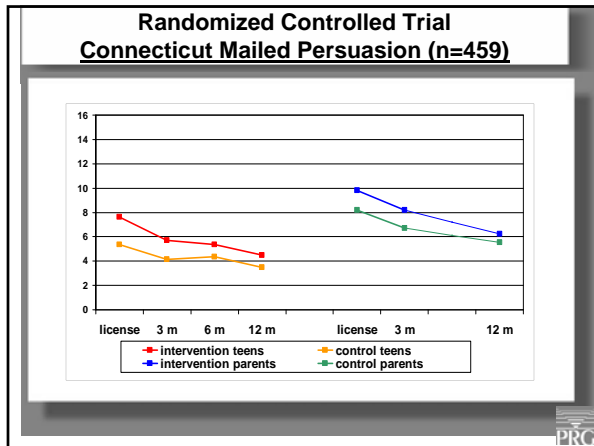
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### Connecticut

- ▲ August 8, 2008
  - ▶ 2-hour Parent Course required
- ▲ Fall, 2009
  - ▶ Interviewed 300 parents who had completed the course

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### Topics Parents Said Were Covered

Topic	Topic was covered
Teen involvement in fatal crashes	90
Distraction	94
Brain development	52
Vehicle choice	31
Passenger restriction	96
Night driving restriction	96
Alcohol	98
Penalties	93

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### Parent Attitudes about the Course (Percent)

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Training helped me	41	43	8	7
Will prevent crashes	21	50	18	13
Approve of requirement	62	21	7	9



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