Graduated Driver Licensing Law
Applies to those applying for or receiving learners or intermediate license after July 31, 2009.

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**Supervision:** Driver accompanied by someone at least 21 years of age or older at all times.

**Seat Belts:** Use required.

**Violations:** No serious accident or traffic violation within six months of licensure. If violation occurs, an unrestricted license could be delayed.

**Violations:** No serious accident or traffic violation for at least 12 months prior to application.

**Cell Phone:** No cell phone or other interactive wireless communication device use while driving.

**Cell Phone:** Can use hands free if 18-21 years of age

**Passengers:** No more than one unrelated minor passenger allowed unless there is an adult 21 years of age or older in the front passenger seat of the car.

**Passengers:** Unrelated minor passenger is a person under 21 years old who is not a sibling, step-sibling, or a child who lives in the same household as the driver.

**Nighttime:** No driving between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. unless accompanied by a passenger 21 years of age or older, driving to or from a school activity, church-related activity, or a job.

*Mandatory holding period of 6 months.

In Arkansas teens die in car crashes at rate two times that of the United States. The Graduated Driver’s Licensing law allows teens more time to learn how to drive while limiting risks.

**Effective July 31, 2009,** the new law applies to young drivers and includes restrictions on cell phone use, passengers and nighttime driving.

An acknowledgement will be signed by the applicant and parent for a learner’s or an intermediate license stating that they understand the new restrictions on cell phone use, passengers and nighttime driving.

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Arkansas teens die in motor vehicle crashes at a rate almost **twice as high** as the national rate. (CDC)

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens, making up 78 percent of total Arkansas’ unintentional teen fatalities from 1999-2005. (CDC)

632 Arkansas teens ages 14-19 were killed as a result of motor vehicle crashes from 1999-2005. (CDC)

Will Arkansas’ GDL laws help to keep teens safe?

**YES.**

The most restrictive graduated driver licensing programs are associated with reductions of 38 percent and 40 percent in fatal crashes and injury crashes, respectively, of 16 year-old-drivers.

The overall reductions, for all three-stage GDL programs combined, are 11 percent for fatal crashes and 19 percent for injury crashes.

Source: 2007 Nationwide Review of GDL completed by Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy