



THOUSAND OAKS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SHERIFF'S TEEN TRAFFIC OFFENDER PROGRAM

1-877-310-STOP (7867)

Teen Vehicle Safety Tips

1. Monitor vehicle mileage frequently.
2. Check the gas mileage on the vehicle that the teen is driving. Poor mileage may be a reflection of poor driving habits.
3. Avoid giving teens high performance vehicles.
4. Restrict vehicle modifications such as high performance engine or suspension components.
5. Restrict items that may create a distraction inside the vehicle such as cell phones, modified stereo, eating or drinking, and passengers.
6. Avoid dark tinted windows. They limit visibility primarily at night. No aftermarket tint is allowed on the front driver's side and passengers side windows. (Violation 26708a(1) of the California Vehicle Code.)
7. Monitor your teens driving habits by observing them for yourself or by asking a neighbor or relatives input on their own observations of your teens driving.
8. Consider an electronic vehicle monitoring device such as products by ambient car chips at 818 879-1250 (MADD.theCarChip.com), Smart Driver 1(877) 731-7678 (www.smart-driver.com.) or Road Safety 1(805) 384-0404 (www.roadsafety.com).
9. Be aware that your teens driver's license is provisional until he/she is 18 years of age. At your request, you may revoke your teens license if you feel they are being irresponsible.

The provisional license also prohibits the following (12814.6 California Vehicle Code):

During the first year of issuance prohibits the transporting of passengers under the age of 20 years old, and driving between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

10. Effective July 1, 2008, 23123 of the California Vehicle Code **prohibits all drivers** from using handheld wireless (cellular) telephones while operating a motor vehicle. Motorists 18 and over may use a hands-free device.

Per 23124 of the California Vehicle Code drivers under 18 years of age may not use a wireless telephone or hands-free device while operating a motor vehicle.

Violations of the above sections can result in fines, community service, and the possible suspension of your driver's license.

If you have any questions or would like the STTOP Deputy to come out and talk to you or your teen driver(s) please call 1-877-310-STOP.