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## Press Release

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**Subject: Driver Education Program**

The Driver's Education Program for the Month of February is focusing on the issues of Missouri's Graduated Driver's License program. This is particularly important to both teen drivers and adults because it takes combined efforts on both parts to help ensure safer roadways.

Teen drivers 16 to 18 years old are eligible for an Intermediate License, which has several restrictions, that some are not aware of and fail to comply with.

Seatbelts **MUST** be worn by all occupants, regardless of age or seat position.

Intermediate license holders cannot drive alone between 1:00 am and 5:00 am, except to and from a school activity, job, or for an emergency, unless accompanied by a licensed driver 21 years of age or older.

During the first 6 months, drivers may not operate a vehicle with more than one passenger who is under 19 years old and who is not a member of their immediate family.

After the first 6 months, you may not driver a vehicle with more than three passengers who are under 19 years old and who are not members of your immediate family.

It is important to be aware that all of these are restrictions of the license so drivers could possibly be cited for not having a valid driver's license. That summons could be assessed

points and prohibit a driver's eligibility to receive a full driver's license on time. It could also possibly affect the insurance ratings of the vehicle owner.

Parents are also able to set more strict guidelines and deny their teen of driving privileges by completing a state form. That form is available on the Department of Revues website.

<http://www.dor.mo.gov/drivers/teens/gradresources.php#agreement>  
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