

# Start Smart

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

... the leading cause of **DEATH** for Americans 15-20 years old is motor vehicle collisions.

## Collision factors associated with teen drivers:

- Unsafe speed.
- Failure to yield the right of way.
- Following too close.
- Inattention.
- Cell phone use.

In an attempt to remain proactive and not reactive, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) introduces Start Smart to educate newly licensed and future licensed teenage drivers.

The Start Smart program is a cooperative effort between the CHP, teenage drivers, and their parents/guardians.

## CHP's goals:

- to help young drivers and their parents/guardians understand the responsibilities associated with driving a motor vehicle.
- to show how a poor choice behind the wheel can change the lives of everyone involved.
- to reduce the number of teen-related injuries and deaths due to collisions.

## Provisional Driver's License

12914.6 V.C.

**Drivers under 18 years old**

### First Six Months

• Shall not drive between the hours of 12 midnight and 5 a.m., unless accompanied and supervised by a licensed driver who is the parent/guardian or a licensed driver who is 25 years of age or older.

• Shall not transport passengers who are under the age of 20 unless accompanied and supervised by a licensed driver who is the parent/guardian or a licensed driver who is 25 years of age or older.

### Second Six Months

• May transport passengers under the age of 20, but shall not drive between the hours of 12 midnight and 5 a.m.\*

\*The following exceptions apply:

- Medical necessity
- Employment necessity
- Schooling or school authorized activities
- Parental permission
- Emancipated minor

Each exception requires the appropriate documentation.

The Statewide Integrated  
Traffic Records System

... reported teen  
drivers are found at  
fault in 66% of all  
**FATAL** collisions  
that they are involved  
in, although they  
only represent 4% of  
the state's licensed  
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