

In California, the penalties for DUI are **very sti !**
On a first conviction you might:

- Be sentenced to up to six months in jail
- Be Fined anywhere between \$390 and \$1,000.
- Be required to pay a “penalty assessment” equal to approximately three times the amount of your fine.
- Lose your driver’s license for six months.
- Be required to complete a DUI program before your license will be reinstated. If your BAC was very high, this program might last nine months.
- Pay a reissue fee of \$125 to have your driver’s license reinstated after it has been suspended.
- File an SR-22 (proof of financial responsibility) with the DMV.



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Teens and Driving



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STATISTICS

Each year in Indian country precious people are killed or injured in alcohol related crashes. Drunk driving is not an accident-- **IT'S A CRIME**

Research shows that Native Americans are at a higher risk for alcohol-related traffic deaths than any other ethnic group. Traffic deaths among American Indians account for a larger portion of total injury deaths (assaults, falls, suicides, etc..) than for any ethnic group. (Voas et al. 2000)

PARENTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Teen drivers account for the #1 risk group among all drivers
- Young drivers crash more often
- Traffic crashes are the number one killer of teens and over one-third of teen traffic deaths are alcohol related
- About every half-hour, 1 person dies in an alcohol-related crash. Every few minutes, 1 person is injured. These are your parents, relatives, best friends, classmates
- Parents may revoke provisional licence at local DMV at any time

CA LAW FOR YOUNG DRIVERS

GRADUATED DRIVERS LICENSE LAW:

STAGE 1: Learner's Permit

- Minimum age for a permit is 15 1/2
- Must Pass vision and knowledge tests, including rules of the road and signs and signals
- Licensed adult (at least 25) required in vehicle at all times
- All occupants must wear safety belts
- Zero alcohol while driving (usually 0.02BAC)
- Permit is distinctive from other licenses.
- Must remain crash and conviction free for six months to move to the next stage

STAGE 2: Intermediate (Provisional)

- Minimum age for an intermediate license is age 16
- Must Pass a behind -the-wheel, on-road test
- All occupants must wear safety belts.
- A licensed adult required in the vehicle during late night hours (11pm-5am)
- Driver improvement actions are initiated at a lower point level than for regular drivers
- Provisional license is distinctive from a regular license and parents may remove your license at anytime until you are 18
- Must remain crash and conviction free for 12 consecutive months to move to the next stage

STAGE 3: Full Licensure

- Minimum age for a full license is 18

THE FACTS

- Teens having higher fatality and injuries in motor vehicles may be related to both driving inexperience and a greater propensity for risk taking behaviors. For example, while teens are learning the new skills needed for driving, many frequently engage in high-risk behaviors such as speeding and/or driving after using alcohol or drugs, and not wearing their safety belts
- Studies show teens are easily distracted while driving, especially by other teen passengers
- Safety belt use is one of the most effective measures to decrease injuries and deaths in a crash; unfortunately, teens are less likely to be buckled up than any other age group

