

# NEW LAWS FOR YOUNG DRIVERS

**As of February 22, 2010, the following changes to New York's Licensing Laws will affect young drivers:**



- ▼ **Reduce from two to one the number of non-family passengers** under age 21 riding in a motor vehicle operated by a junior license holder when not accompanied by a licensed parent or guardian.
- ▼ **Elimination of the limited use junior license** and require that a junior permit be held for at least 6 months before a junior or senior license may be issued.
- ▼ Increase the number of supervised driving hours before scheduling a road test from 20 to **50 hours**, that includes **15 hours** of driving after sunset.

Effective November 1, 2009, for all drivers it is illegal to text or use any portable electronic device while the vehicle is in motion.

## Parents make a difference when it comes to teen driving

- ▼ 89% of teens say their parents are most influential in encouraging safe driving.
- ▼ 59% of parents know that motor vehicle crashes are the number 1 killer of teens.
- ▼ Nearly half (49%) incorrectly believe that driving drunk is the main cause of teen crashes when in reality **driver error, speeding and distracted driving** are the main causes.
- ▼ 50% of teens are less likely to be in a crash if their parents set rules and monitor their activities.
- ▼ 71% of teens are less likely to drive intoxicated when their parents are involved in their driving.

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