Teens in Cars

The number one killer of teens is motor vehicle crashes.

Fatalities are split almost equally between teen drivers and passengers.

1 in 4 teens surveyed said they don’t use a seat belt on every ride.

In half of fatalities, the teen was not wearing a seat belt.

Teens who don’t use seat belts are more likely to say they text while driving than those who do.

Seat belts reduce the risk of death for front seat passengers by 45 percent.

TOP REASONS

“Forgot; or it’s not a habit.” 34%
“Weren’t driving far.” 16%
“Seat belts are uncomfortable.” 11%

39 percent of teens said they have ridden with a teen driver who was texting, and 95 percent said they think other teens have done so.

43 percent of teens reported riding as a passenger with a teen driver who was talking on the phone.
Buckle Up and Speak Up for a Safe Ride Every Time.

More than half of teens surveyed said they have seen a parent talking on the phone while driving.

28% of teens reported feeling unsafe when riding with a teen driver.

57% of teens reported feeling unsafe when riding with a parent.

28 percent have been riding in a car with a parent who was texting.

When someone was driving dangerously, 4 in 10 teens say they asked the driver to stop, but almost the same number said they did nothing.

One study found that the odds of a crash or near-crash in newly-licensed teen drivers was more than 8 times greater when dialing a cell phone.