Teenagers drive less, but they have the highest fatal crash rate per mile driven. The fatal crash rate is nearly two times higher for 16-17 year old drivers than for 18-19 year old drivers.

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Among students who drove a vehicle in the past month 39% had texted or e-mailed while driving.

Texting while driving increases a teen’s risk of crashing by 23 times.

The number of young drivers involved in alcohol-involved fatal crashes with a positive BAC declined 23 percent between 2007 and 2016.

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What Can Parents Do? Set a Good Example

Always model safe driving behavior

Discuss safe driving with your teen on an ongoing basis

Sign a contract with your teen driver

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