

DRIVERS OF ALL AGES

Texting

Sending or reading text messages while driving is against the law.

Safety Belts

Under Virginia law, drivers and all front seat passengers must wear seat belts. A driver transporting anyone younger than age 18 is responsible for ensuring the passenger is properly secured in a safety belt, booster seat, or child safety seat no matter where the child is seated in the vehicle.

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A Parent's Quick Reference Guide



DRIVERS UNDER AGE 18

Cell Phones

Cell phones/wireless devices cannot be used while driving, regardless of whether it is hands-free, except in driver emergency or when the vehicle is legally parked or stopped.

Curfew

Driving between midnight and 4:00am is prohibited except:

- when traveling to/from work or from an activity that is supervised by an adult

- when accompanied by a parent/guardian or a licensed spouse age 18 or older who is occupying the front passenger seat
- in cases of emergency including responding to emergency calls as a volunteer firefighter or rescue squad member.

Passenger Limits

May only carry one passenger under age 21 unless a parent/guardian is occupying the front passenger seat. After holding the license for one year, you may carry up to three passengers under 21 only when:

- traveling to/from a school-sponsored activity

- accompanied by a licensed driver age 21 or older occupying the front passenger seat
- in an emergency situation.

(Passenger restrictions do not apply to members of the driver's family or household.)

DRIVERS UNDER AGE 21

Zero Tolerance

It is illegal to operate a vehicle after illegally consuming alcohol.