What do you consider lethal?

Saving lives through a strong combination of education and enforcement

Purpose

- Focus on #1 killer of teens
- Empower youth to make good decisions behind the wheel
- Provide quality outreach and education materials
- Encourage parental role modeling
- Change long-term attitudes and behaviors
- Ultimately, change driving culture

Did You Know?

Stats
- About 4000 teens age 15-19 are killed in automobile collisions in the U.S. every year (nhtsa.dot.gov)
- Another 400,000+ teens age 15-19 are seriously injured in vehicle crashes each year (cdc.gov)
- 60% of teen driving fatalities are passengers
- 75% of fatal teen driving crashes do NOT involve alcohol (cdc.gov)

Causes
- They DO involve reckless and distracted driving decisions
- Putting on makeup
- Eating/drinking (non-alcoholic)
- Shuffling the iPod or MP3
- Having conversations with friends
- Cell phone use - Selfies/Texting
- Not wearing seat belts
- Marijuana use
- Drowsiness
Why are teens at greater risk?

1. Inexperience
2. Attitudes
3. Behaviors

How has inexperience been addressed?

Graduated Drivers Licensing

Graduated Drivers Licensing (GDL)

Objective of GDL laws is to slowly introduce young drivers to the correct ways of driving responsibly.

- Learner’s Permit
- Intermediate License (curfew & passenger restrictions)
- Full Driver License

No cell phone use behind the wheel and buckle up – any age and any stage.
Research Questions

1. Do teens appear to delay licensure to avoid GDL?
2. How do teens who delay licensure drive compare to their same-age peers?
3. How do teens who delay licensure compare to novices of other ages?

Age of Novice Licensure, 1999-2007

- Most novices at 16 or 18
- Fewer at 17, suggesting...
- Delayed licensure until 18

Age 18 Novices vs. Age 18 Experienced

Note: Rates adjusted for sex, year, & month of licensure.
Combining Effective Laws, Enforcement, and Education is Key

- GDL is effective for providing experience to those required to follow GDL laws
- Impact Teen Drivers provides effective education and awareness to change the driving culture to one that is distraction-free.
Changing Culture

- We need to change the culture using a multi-faceted approach
- What has been proven to be effective is quality education combined with enforcement
- Connecting on the visceral level is most effective for changing long-term attitudes and behaviors
- It is about Good Decision Making when behind the wheel (as driver or passenger)
- Role Modeling Good Behavior – More than just texting/phone use (all distractions)

Our Resources

- Evidence-based, User-Friendly and Flexible
- Teach Teens What is Most Lethal to Them
- Empower Teens to Make Good Decisions
- Engaging, Cool, & Effective
- Connect on a Visceral Level
- Emphasize Crashes are 100% Preventable

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Car Crashes are 100% Preventable

Every time you get in a vehicle, you need to make good choices. You may not always get a second chance to make a good choice.

Donovan and nearly 4000 teens a year do not!
#1 Killer of Teens in America

Each dot represents a teen who lost his or her life in one year throughout the U.S. The colors represent how they lost their lives.

Think about all the people behind each dot... their families, friends, classmates, and community.

Car crashes are 100% PREVENTABLE!

GDL Made Simple

Probability Wheel v. Wheel of Death

Common habits can become deadly habits when done behind the wheel of a car.
What Can You Do?

- Remember Car Crashes are 100% PREVENTABLE
- Commit to a Game Plan
- Speak Up When You Feel Unsafe—Whether Driver or Passenger
- Buckle Up Properly Every Time
- Follow Graduated Driver Licensing Laws
- Make Good Decisions in the Car Every Ride

Teen Website: www.WhatDoYouConsiderLethal.com

Pledge to Drive Distraction Free!

For my future—for life’s big dreams and little comforts, I hereby make the conscious
commitment to safe driving.

For my friends, my family, and anyone else who may have fond feelings toward me, I
pledge not to drive distracted or recklessly.

For every person I may never meet, but share the road with, I pledge to give driving the
100% attention it deserves.

I vow not to text, eat, or do anything that may cause me to take my hands off the wheel or
my eyes off the road.

I commit to speaking up to a driver who is driving unsafely.

I commit to wearing a seatbelt and making sure everyone in the car does the same.

I commit to SAFE DRIVING.
I commit to THE LAW.
I commit to MY LIFE.
Thank you for being part of the solution!

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Teen-Centric Forms of Outreach
- Direct Outreach and Education
- Peer-to-Peer via Lead-the-Leaders Workshops
- Parent-Teen Workshops
- Social Norming Media Campaigns
- Train-the-Trainers Workshops

Reaching Teens
- What Do You Consider Lethal?
  - Evidence-based Program
  - State Specific GDL Videos & Materials
  - PSAs (Audio, Video, Multiple Languages)
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Changing Culture through Multifaceted Approach

- Elementary Curriculum
  - Captain Power & Passenger Pets

- Middle School Curriculum
  - Speak Up
  - Being a Good Passenger

- Parent Education & Outreach
  - Graduated Driver Licensing
  - Tips for Parents
  - Awkward Parent Videos

Use the easy to follow step-by-step approach for preparation which includes:
- Review the outline and videos
- Download files and order supplies
- Watch narrated video demonstrations or measure and online test if needed
- Print Prepare The Presenters Guide for additional outlines and activity options
- Make your presentation

**How Do You Get Started?**

**How Can You Implement in Your State?**

- Modular program
  - Incorporate into existing efforts
  - Plug-and-play as a stand-alone
- Train-the-Trainers
- Community Outreach/Public Information Officers
- Opportunity to brand or license materials
- Contact Us

Whatever you decide—evaluate your efforts!
Distracted Driving is a Winnable Battle

- Change social norms so distracted driving is not okay (e.g., seatbelt use).
- Empower teens through peer-to-peer messaging, good parental role modeling, and education.
- Impact Teen Drivers provides high quality, evidence-based materials to those who serve our communities.

Thank You, AAMVA Champions!

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