

Together, CHOP and NJM share a vision to improve teen driver safety on our roads by providing families with resources to cultivate safe driving skills.

CHOP's Virtual Driving Skills Assessment simulates the most common and serious crash scenarios based on predictive modeling. It proactively identifies drivers at risk and their skill deficits, based on their reactions and decision-making skills.

The assessment provides a summary of teen drivers' strengths and weaknesses. It is then shared with parents, along with guidance on how to improve any deficits.

The program is grounded in over a decade of young driver research which found highquality, parent-supervised driving practice is crucial in reducing teen driver crash risk.

## NJM'S SHARE THE KEYS



Share the Keys (STK) is a teen driver safety orientation for parents and their teen drivers that's proven to reduce teen driver crash risk by increasing parental involvement.

STK was developed using CHOP's research which found that teens whose parents set rules and pay attention to their driving activities in a helpful, supportive way are half as likely to be involved in a crash.

## These key findings were used to define the objectives for Share the Keys:

- Understanding Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Laws
- Effectively Supporting the GDL at Home
- Being a Good Role Model
- Increasing Practice Driving Hours
- Controlling the Keys

Visit <u>www.SharetheKeys.com</u>, for more information about the **Share the Keys** program.



# TEEN DRIVER SAFETY



NJM, a leading property casualty insurer and safety advocate in the Mid-Atlantic region, is partnering with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), one of the top-ranked pediatric hospitals in the country, to better prepare teenagers to drive safely. Through an NJM grant, CHOP Primary Care locations are offering a state-of-the-art virtual driving assessment system that presents teens with common and serious crash scenarios to measure their crash-avoidance skills.

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### The PA Graduated Driver's License Program for First-Time Drivers

#### ACCORDING TO CHOP'S CENTER FOR INJURY RESEARCH AND PREVENTION:

- Learning to drive, teens are safest when accompanied by an adult or parent.
- In the first months after teens receive their license, they are at their highest risk of crashing during their lifetime.
- Teen drivers want to drive well; many just don't have the skills and experience.
   Preparing to learn to drive before getting their driver's license is crucial to protecting them.
- Three errors that cause the most teen crashes involve:
  - 1. **Speeding:** going too fast and following too closely for road conditions
  - 2. **Poor scanning:** failing to recognize and respond to hazards on the road
  - 3. **Distraction:** not focusing on the road and their driving
- These errors are even deadlier at night, when a teen is tired or impaired, or driving with teen passengers.

Source: Teendriversource.org

THE GDL PROGRAM IS A THREE-STAGE LICENSING PROCESS THAT IS DESIGNED TO GIVE NEW DRIVERS INCREASED, STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTION AND THE DRIVING EXPERIENCE NEEDED TO OBTAIN A BASIC DRIVER LICENSE.



THE GDL HAS REDUCED TEEN DRIVING FATALITIES BY 50% SINCE IT WAS IMPLEMENTED IN 2011.

#### THE FACTS ABOUT THE LAW

- Driving not permitted between 11 p.m. – 5 a.m.
- May only transport one passenger, unless the driver is accompanied by a parent or guardian or the passengers are the driver's dependents (children)
- Use of a cell phone (hand-held or handsfree), hand-held video games or any other hand-held wireless electronic devices (i.e., iPods, GPS) is prohibited
- Driver and passenger must wear seat belts



#### REQUIREMENTS STAGE 1 - LEARNER'S PERMIT

- Be at least 16 years old
- Obtain consent of a parent or guardian
- Pass the knowledge, physical, and vision tests
- Complete **65 hours** of practice driving including:
  - 10 hours at night

5 hours in bad weather

• Vehicle must be equipped with seat belts for all occupants

# REQUIREMENTS STAGE 2 - JUNIOR LICENSE

- Must be at least 161/2 years old
- Pass the PennDOT road test
- Vehicle must be equipped with seat belts for all occupants; drivers and occupants under the age of 18 must wear a seatbelt

#### REQUIREMENTS STAGE 3 - UNRESTRICTED LICENSE

- Be at least **18 years old** or maintained a crash- and conviction-free driving record for a year and completed an approved driver's ed course
- Vehicle must be equipped with seat belts for all occupants

#### PERMIT AND JUNIOR LICENSE RESTRICTIONS

#### **Driving Hours**

Driving not permitted between
 11 p.m. – 5 a.m.\*

\*Drivers traveling for employment, volunteer, or charitable work may travel during these hours with proper documentation.

#### Passengers

• Only **one non-family member** passenger under the age of 18 is permitted for the first six months; no more than three passengers are permitted thereafter

#### **Electronic Devices**

• Use of cell phones (hand-held or hands-free) is prohibited

#### Seatbelt

• Must be worn at all times

#### **Required sanctions**

• A driver under the **age of 18** will have their permit suspended for **90 days** if they accumulate **six or more points** or they're convicted of a high-speed violation

# For more information about the GDL process, please visit <u>penndot.gov</u>.