

### Driving Restrictions for Teen Drivers in Utah by Age

Age	Nighttime Driving Restrictions	Exceptions to Nighttime Driving Restrictions	Front Seat Passenger Restrictions with a Learner Permit	Other Passenger Restrictions	Exceptions to Other Passenger Restrictions
15	12 a.m. to 5 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accompanied by a licensed driver at least 21 years of age who is sitting in the front passenger seat</li> <li>• On agricultural assignment</li> <li>• Driving to and from work</li> <li>• Driving to and from a school-sponsored activity</li> <li>• Emergency situations</li> </ul>	Front seat passenger must be a parent/guardian, driving instructor, or adult who co-signed the permit application	Only immediate family members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Front seat passenger is a licensed driver at least 21 years of age</li> <li>• On agricultural assignment</li> <li>• Emergency situations</li> </ul>
16	12 a.m. to 5 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accompanied by a licensed driver at least 21 years of age who in the front passenger seat</li> <li>• On agricultural assignment</li> <li>• Driving to and from work</li> <li>• Driving to and from a school-sponsored activity</li> <li>• Emergency situations</li> </ul>	Front seat passenger must be a parent/guardian, driving instructor, or adult who co-signed the permit application	Only immediate family members, until 6 months after receiving a full license	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Front seat passenger is a licensed driver at least 21 years of age</li> <li>• On agricultural assignment</li> <li>• Emergency situations</li> </ul>
17	None	Not Applicable	Front seat passenger must be a parent/guardian, driving instructor, or adult who co-signed the permit application	Only immediate family members, until 6 months after receiving a full license or until turning 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Front seat passenger is a licensed driver at least 21 years of age</li> <li>• On agricultural assignment</li> <li>• Emergency situations</li> </ul>
18	None	Not Applicable	Front seat passenger must be a licensed driver at least 21 years of age	None	Not Applicable
19 or	None	Not Applicable	Front seat	None	Not Applicable

older			passenger must be a licensed driver at least 21 years of age		
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**Other Important Restrictions:**

- Everyone in the car must be properly restrained (with a seat belt or child safety seat).
- Absolutely no alcohol or drugs in your system while driving.
- Texting while driving is illegal for all drivers in Utah, regardless of age!

**Driving Under the Influence**

**If you are under age 21, your permit or license can be suspended for the following reasons:**

- Purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol.
- Attempting to gain admittance or being admitted to a tavern, bar, or social club.
- Being intoxicated from alcohol or a controlled substance.

If a driver is **under the age of 19** at the time of a DUI arrest, the following suspension periods will be imposed for a **first offense**:

- Not-a-Drop arrest: 1 year suspension effective 30 days from arrest date
- Per-Se arrest: 2 year suspension effective 30 days from arrest date

If a driver is **age 19 or 20** at the time of arrest, the following suspension periods will be imposed for a **first offense**:

- Not-a-Drop arrest - 6 month suspension effective 30 days from arrest date
- Per-Se arrest - 6 month suspension effective 30 days from arrest date

If a driver is **under age 21** at the time of arrest and **refuses to submit to a chemical test**, the license will be revoked until the person is 21 years of age for a period of 2 years, whichever is longer, for a **first offense**.

For more information, visit [http://publicsafety.utah.gov/dld/alcohol\\_restricted\\_driver.html](http://publicsafety.utah.gov/dld/alcohol_restricted_driver.html).

For drivers under age 21, it is illegal to drive with any detectable amount of alcohol in the body. If you are caught in violation of this, your license can be suspended for a period of 6 months or until your 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

The typical costs of a DUI total more than \$10,000 (includes fine/court fees, lawyer fees, impound fees, ignition interlock for three years, added high risk insurance costs, etc.).